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## Marz wins PC nomination and constituent's support

By Nicole Smith

After three weeks of intensive campaigning, MLA Richard Marz has once again won the PC nomination for the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills constituency.

Nearly 1,200 constituents turned out at a nomination meeting held last Tuesday evening in Three Hills, to cast their ballot for either Marz or local Gordon Quantz, who also was in the running.

The attendance at the advanced polls, held at Sunnyslope Hall and Westcott Hall, was equally good.

Once the polls had closed in Three Hills, the speeches began. Each candidate was given a chance to speak as the ballots were being counted.

Local PC Party President Bob Long thanked the many volunteers during his speech and spoke of the good fight that was put on by each candidate.

"It's been hectic at times, but we came and we fought the fight," Long said. "I encourage all of us to put aside our differences ... we have to go forward as a strong constituency."

Next, Marz spoke to the nearly 200 constituents in attendance.

"I for one believe that the people of the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills constituency are fairminded people interested in working together," said Marz.

"I have represented you as I told you I would three years ago."

Marz went on to speak about how the nomination race was a review of his service over the last three years.

"If I can't be true to myself, then I can't be true to you," he said.

"I view this campaign as a renewal of my mandate to you and the reassessment of the priorities of this constituency."

Marz concluded by speak-



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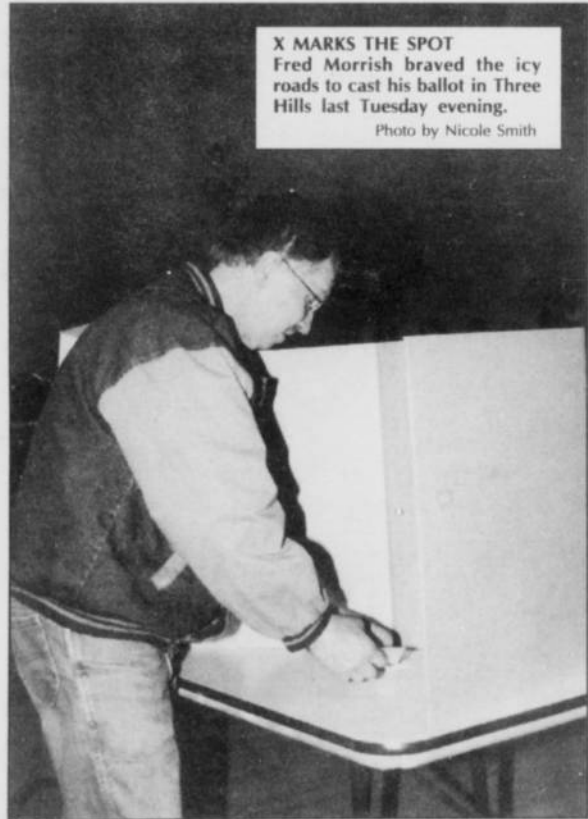
Gordon Quantz gives MLA Richard Marz a congratulatory hug after Marz won the PC Nomination for the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills constituency last week.

Photo by Nicole Smith

### X MARKS THE SPOT

Fred Morrish braved the icy roads to cast his ballot in Three Hills last Tuesday evening.

Photo by Nicole Smith



ing about how he will continue to be a strong advocate for his constituents.

"... I've gone to great lengths to determine the collective will of my constituents and report them," he said.

"I will still continue to be a strong advocate for you as individuals and as a collective constituency."

Next, it was Gordon Quantz's turn at the podium to speak to those in attendance. He focused on the campaign process and told the audience that he entered the race more to renew interest in democracy than to win the nomination.

"The issue is grassroots democracy and I wanted to see some excitement and some interest in the process," Quantz said.

"We're in a win-win situation tonight. We're not in a conflict and it's not a win-lose situation," he said.

A policy by the PC Party didn't allow the numbers to be released as to the margin of win for Marz.

Nomination Director, Doug Wagstaff, spoke to the audience once the numbers were in.

"We've had a tremendous amount of participation in a nomination with only two candidates," said Wagstaff.

"I would like to congratulate both Richard and Gordon who were willing to put their names forward and put their lives on hold for a while."

Once it was announced that Marz had won the nomination, Quantz made a motion to make the vote unanimous, which was carried by

those in attendance.

Marz again addressed his constituents.

"This has really been a rollercoaster ride for all those involved. It's quite an experience and it takes a lot of work and a lot of volunteers," he said.

"I'd like to extend an invitation to Gordon and his crew to continue to work with us."

Marz then thanked his wife and everyone involved in the process for their support and dedication to the PC Party.

A reception for all those involved followed at the Three Hills Inn.

Read more on the recent  
PC nominations on Pages  
3, 4, 5 and 6  
inside the paper.

## Budget 2000: Better Finances, Better Lives

Combining priority spending in areas like health care and post-secondary education with substantial tax cuts for families, Budget 2000, introduced last month by Finance Minister Paul Martin, focuses on preparing Canada and Canadians for the future.

"This is a budget with many elements, but a single theme: creating better lives for Canadians in a rapidly changing world," Martin told the House of Commons.

The overall objective of the budget is to ensure that hard-won financial surpluses are used to bolster the key services that Canadians and their families rely upon, while ensuring that their taxes fall.

That's why the first announcement of the budget was to increase cash support for health care and post-secondary education by an additional \$2.5 billion.

This is the fourth consecutive such increase and will bring total support for these two critical areas to a new all-time funding high by next year.

Indeed, over the past two years alone, federal support for health care and education has jumped by 25 per cent.

The budget forecasts a balanced budget or better for 1999-2000, and the Government is committed to further balanced budgets or better in 2000-01 and 2001-02. In addition to the deficit being eliminated, the debt burden is falling, unemployment is at its lowest level in more than two decades, and disposable income is increasing.

Putting the books in order, together with sustained economic growth, has paved the way for the cornerstone of the budget: the Five-Year Tax Reduction Plan.

It will cut taxes by a cumulative amount of at least \$58 billion by 2004-05. This will mean more money in the pockets of Canadians, stronger economic growth and enhanced job creation.

The plan to reduce taxes, which places a special emphasis on families with children, will reduce personal income taxes for all taxpayers, especially middle- and lower-income Canadians.

The plan immediately restores full indexation of the personal income tax system, which will stop the automatic tax increases and benefit erosion that have occurred under Canada's current tax system

since the mid-1980s.

Full indexation will benefit all Canadians, especially low-income Canadians and seniors, because the value of benefits such as the Canada Child Tax Benefit (CCTB), the goods and services tax credit, the age credit and the Old Age Security reduction threshold will increase in line with inflation.

The plan also reduces the middle income tax rate to 23 per cent from 26 per cent, starting with a 2-point reduction to 24 per cent in July 2000.

This is the first time in more than 12 years that a tax rate has been reduced. The change will mean tax cuts for 9 million Canadians.

In general, personal income taxes will be reduced by an average of 15 per cent annually by 2004-05.

Families with children will have their personal income taxes reduced by an average of 21 per cent, including enriched benefits under the CCTB.

In addition to the new tax measures announced, the federal budget helps families with children in two other key ways by: increasing the CCTB by \$2.5 billion a year by 2004 to more than \$9 billion annually.

The maximum benefit for a family's first child will grow to \$2,400 from the current level of \$1,805; and doubling the duration of maternity and parental leave under the employment insurance program to one year, giving parents the

opportunity to spend more time with their newborn and newly adopted children.

The Government is putting \$2.5 billion more into the Canada Health and Social Transfer (CHST), which provides provincial and territorial governments with funding for post-secondary education and health care.

Starting in 2000-01, CHST cash will reach \$15.5 billion.

The 1999 budget increased CHST funding for health care by \$11.5 billion over five years - the Government's single largest investment ever.

The increase in this budget means that CHST transfers to provinces and territories will reach an all-time high of almost \$31 billion in 2000-01.

The 2000 budget also provides substantial new money to support research, innovation and access to skills and knowledge across the country.

It includes more than \$4 billion in initiatives to promote innovation and leading-edge research in universities, research hospitals and the private sector; develop new environmental technologies and improved practices; and strengthen provincial and municipal infrastructure.

## School board invests in logos for all CESD schools

By Nicole Smith

The three Didsbury schools will look just a little more classy from the outside soon.

The Chinook's Edge School Division has decided to place brass logos on the outsides of all the schools within the division.

The logo for the "Where Students Come First" slogan is of two people holding hands, and the board felt this was an appropriate depiction of their school division.

At last Wednesday's board meeting, the group passed a motion to go ahead with the installation of the logos.

The board felt that with the building of the joint public and Catholic school in Sylan Lake, they wanted the public side to be recognizable.

After some discussion, they decided to explore the possibility of having logos created.

They also decided they didn't want to just hang the logo on the new school, but also the other existing schools within the division, as well as the central administration building in Innisfail.

The cost is \$380 per logo, and the board will be ordering 40 of them from a company in Edmonton.

The board says that the funding to cover the cost of the logos will be coming out of a surplus and administration budget.

To help hinder the cost, the division will be doing their own installation on each of the schools.

Trustee Joyce Langston opposed this motion because she doesn't think the logos are needed at the other schools. She says she thought that only the new school would be getting the logo, and feels that the money could be better spent throughout the division.

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# Many locals not pleased with campaign process

By Carla Victor

The end of the campaign has marked the beginning for complaints with the way the nomination race was run in the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills constituency.

How many votes did the candidates receive? Why were the advance polls in such remote areas? Why was it such a short campaign?

Gordon Quantz, the only candidate running against incumbent, Richard Marz, isn't pleased with how any of it turned out and would have liked to release the numbers of votes.

"Well, I have only had one reason given to me and that is, it will divide the party," said Quantz.

"The democratic process has

to be transparent and open, and I guess I'm at the point that I'm tired of arguing with the man (Richard Marz), so when these points of conflict came up, I just became neutral in my presentation."

He said that some "head on" things were discussed in the in the process of the two week campaign that he just got tired of arguing it.

"The process to me was thwarted, the placement of the advance polls, meeting out in the country points that weren't available to a large sections of the town people. I think it is time we start talking about the democratic process. A party that isn't friendly to the people isn't serving the people," said Quantz who has decided to lay in the background for the fallout.

He said that although it was a short race it was hard fought and to avoid being blamed for the numbers being leaked out, he wasn't going to find out how many votes he got.

"I fail to follow his (Marz's) logic on this, the only assumption I can make is the incumbent is not oriented towards the consumer of the party politics as much as he is in covering themselves (the PC party)." The fact that there was no debate also came up as a sore point in Quantz's campaign.

"In the returning officers report of 1996, it was recommended that it be held and was ignored. It is the responsibility of the nomination committee," said Quantz.

Doug Wagstaff, chair of the nomination committee explained the rules of a nomination race and the reason for

the short campaign was so not to over tax the volunteers.

"It would drain the volunteers and the candidates if we drug it out any longer," said Wagstaff adding it is common for nomination races to go quickly.

The reason for the placement of the polls and the low number of them is that the less polls the less volunteers.

"Last time we only had one volunteer at a poll and scrutineers. We decided it isn't very good to have only one volunteer looking after a poll, because it opens the door for questions."

Wagstaff said the locations were chosen because Westcott is in the centre of Cremona, Carstairs and Didsbury, taking up the south end. Sunny

Slope takes care of Didsbury, Linden and Acme. For the north, there was an oversight.

"Yes there was a void to the north, and that will be looked after in the future, that was just simply an oversight."

He explained the polling stations were in towns last time and were held in the country this time.

"We tried to make it so we had central locations. We had six polls last time and three this time."

Next time the polls will be in Olds, this time it was Three Hills and last time it was in Didsbury.

"It is up to the candidates to get their people to wherever we have decided to hold the polls," said Wagstaff.

Not releasing the numbers is the party way of doing things and very common.

"Our bottom line is that we wanted to get behind a candidate regardless of which one it was, regardless of the outcome of the nomination."

The incumbent, Quantz, the returning officer, and Wagstaff were all a part of the decision to not release the numbers, said Wagstaff.

Dale Galbraith, director of operations south, for the PC party, said it is common practice to withhold the numbers of votes in a nomination race.

"There are no requirements on the numbers being released and the number of polls. It really is determined by the nomination committee. We try to make it autonomous from the MLA and the board so they are run independent," said Galbraith.



STATE OF EMERGENCY  
Two CUPE ambulances were in town last Wednesday to "help resuscitate health care in the province."

Photo by Tammy Janz

## CUPE ambulances in town to resuscitate Alberta health care

By Nicole Smith

Alberta's public health care system is in a state of emergency, says the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE).

Last Thursday morning, two of CUPE's cross country ambulances were in Didsbury to "sound the warning that Alberta's public health system is in grave danger."

According to a press release from CUPE, ambulances have been dispatched from both coasts to converge on the scene of the emergency.

Didsbury was just one of the many stops that the ambulances are making.

The two ambulances that were in town last week were here to bring a petition post card and information on what

for-profit health care will do to Alberta's public health care system.

The tour that the ambulances are making in Alberta are in response to Bill 11, Alberta's Health Care Protection Act, which was tabled in the legislature two weeks ago.

"The government says that for-profit health care is the answer to the crisis they created," said Terry Mutton, President of CUPE Alberta, in a press release.

"But for-profit health care doesn't reduce waiting lists, save money or provide better care."

In Calgary where virtually 100% of cataract surgery is contracted out, they have the longest waiting times and the highest costs. Moreover this legislation will remove any pro-

tection health care has under NAFTA and WTO."

In their release, CUPE identified five demands they have to protect public health care:

- Stop Alberta's private hospital legislation;
- Restore funding for all health care, including acute and long term care;
- Introduce national home care and drug plan programs;
- Reform primary care; and
- Exempt health care from trade deals - specifically NAFTA and future rounds of the World Trade Organization.

CUPE, Canada's largest union, represents 475,000 members in health care, education, municipalities, social services, libraries, utilities and transportation, including 13,000 Alberta health care employees and 140,000 across Canada.

## DHS School Council to discuss changing job market

By Nicole Smith

The Canadian job market has been changing rapidly over the past several years.

The Didsbury High School Council will be taking this into consideration next Monday evening, when they present a special guest speaker.

Patti Henley is an Alberta Technology Preparation specialist out of Red Deer.

She will be speaking to parents, teachers and council at their next meeting about how the job market is changing and how parents can begin now to prepare their children for it.

Dena Wannamaker, a member of the DHS School Council, says that the presentation Henley will be making is a good one and that it makes parents realize that activities their children are interested in now could be career related skills for the future.

Wannamaker says that the presentation will help to bring parents up to date on what types of careers are out there these days.

"Parents are sometimes behind the times on what the job market is like," Wannamaker said.

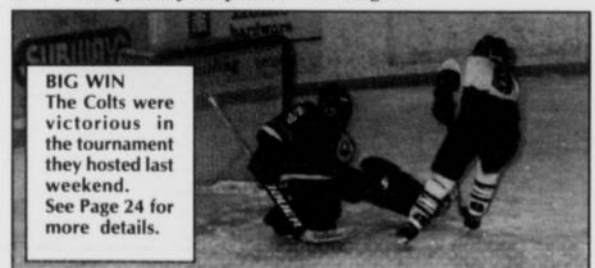
She says that the presentation will focus on finding out the interests that children have and see if they can be marketed in the future.

Wannamaker says that what may seem insignificant now could possibly help their

kids with their careers after graduation.

She also says that Henley will be showing parents how to help their children prepare portfolios of their skills and abilities.

This presentation will be taking place on March 20 in the DHS Library. The regular meeting will be from 7 to 7:30 p.m., with the presentation to follow. All interested individuals are invited to attend and there is no cost. The presentation will be about 45 minutes in length.



BIG WIN  
The Colts were victorious in the tournament they hosted last weekend.  
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# OPINIONS EDITORIAL

## A great race



Nicole  
SMITH

I still can't get over how many people take a vested interest in what is happening around our community.

Last Tuesday evening, the PC Nominations were held in Three Hills, and I couldn't believe how many Didsburians turned out to vote.

The roads were bad with fresh snow and slippery ice, but residents of this community still braved the weather to support the two

local candidates, Richard Marz and Gordon Quantz.

I didn't have a chance to attend the advance polls at Westcott and Sunnyslope, but I imagine the turnout was about the same. All in all, almost 1,200 constituents marked their ballots to decide who would lead the local PC party in the next election.

Current MLA Richard Marz ended up the victor in the race, but not without a good fight by local town councillor Gordon Quantz.

Both candidates were selling PC memberships like crazy, and I guess that there was a major increase in the number of PC card holders in the area prior to the nomination. How great it is to see a constituency take such a vested interest in their political leaders.

It's funny, because one of the attendees of the nomination meeting said that there wasn't this good a turnout for her town's last municipal election. She couldn't believe how many residents of this area were so interested in who would lead the local PC political group.

The people who were in charge of the nomination procedure, a group out of Calgary, couldn't get over how many people turned out either. They're used to nomination meetings in Cow Town, and say that they have never seen such a good turnout and such well-behaved candidates and constituents. I guess in the city things get a little hairy at election time.

It's too bad that the actual numbers weren't released, as to how many constituents voted for each of the candidates. It would have been nice to see how well our local contender actually did.

Congratulations to MLA Richard Marz on his recent victory. It was a battle well won. I hope that he keeps the best interests of his constituents in mind as we head into the next provincial election.

## Did you know?

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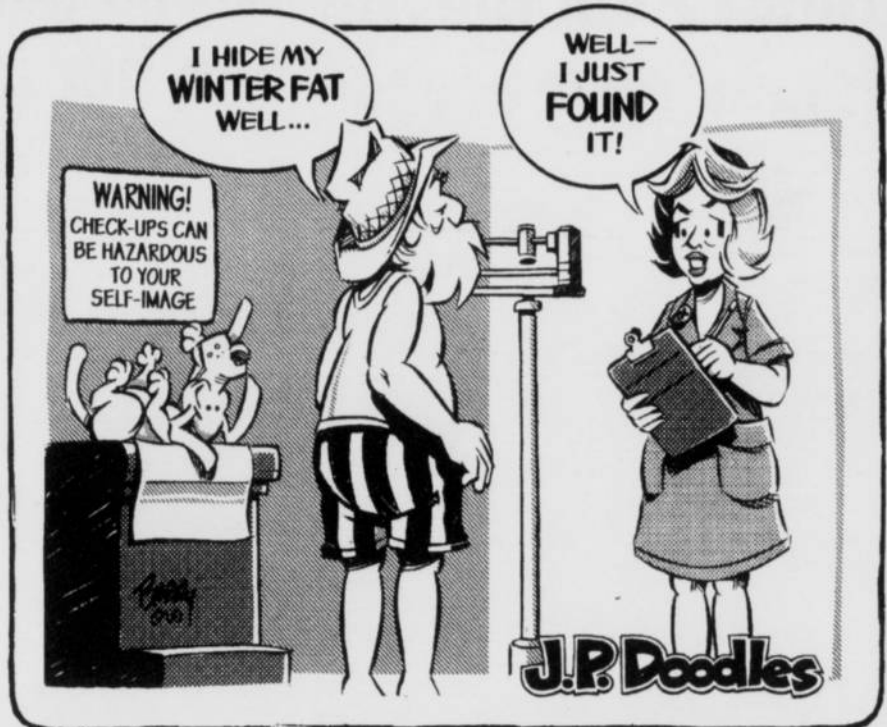
The owner or occupant of a dwelling or other premises shall provide at their own expense and maintain in good condition a sufficient number of waste containers to hold at least one week's accumulation of waste.

Section 4: the owner or occupant of a dwelling or other premises shall be responsible to prevent the accumulation of refuse at a dwelling or other premises to the point where an unsanitary, unsafe or unsightly condition develops.

Section 8: no owner, occupant or employee of a dwelling or other premises, in the Town shall: dispose of any refuse at a location not designated by the Town for disposal, place any refuse at a dwelling or other premises at which they are not the owner, occupant or employee, or place any refuse into a container or receptacle that is not designated for their use.

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## Bill 11 - Open for business

### A press release from CUPE

Bill 11, the so-called Health Care Protection Act, legitimizes the fleecing of patients by medical entrepreneurs and their investors. Far from preventing extra billing for non-medically necessary goods and services, Bill 11 is a blueprint on how to get away with it.

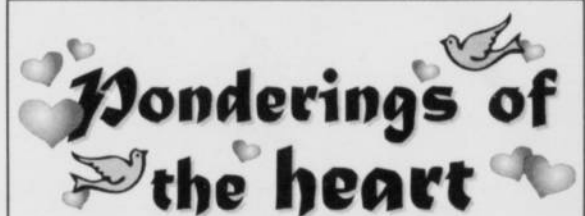
Nothing in this Bill curbs the conflicts of interest that exist in the Calgary Health Authority. Bill 11 does not stop doctors and others working for health authorities from investing in for-profit clinics.

"It's open season on patients", said Terry Mutton, President of CUPE Alberta. "And having the College of Physicians and Surgeons act as watch dog puts the foxes among the patients in the chicken coop. Each decision on a private clinic that the College makes will now involve their own potential incomes and investments as well as that of their colleagues. It is simply an outrageous money grab."

Preventing for-profit clinics from requiring patients to buy non-medically necessary goods and services doesn't protect patients. These clinics exploit the trust between doctors and vulnerable patients to extra bill Albertans hundreds and potentially thousands of dollars.

Klein says a hospital is only a hospital when he says it is. Albertans have no recourse to the courts when they disagree. Under Bill 11 a private hospital must offer five services - emergency, medical, diagnostic and surgical services - and admit patients for procedures that require more than a 12 hour stay. "This is just semantics", said Mutton. "If the clinic does surgery requiring over night stays, it's a hospital."

Clinics by offering only three or four of these services could easily avoid being defined as a hospital under this legislation. For the public however, they would still be hospitals. What's important is that Bill 11 does not prevent private clinics from expanding their services by merely applying again and again to do other procedures. If these companies had no intention of expanding why are they taking over former hospitals?



By Margaret Fradley

### "I was ditched"

On the morning of our first heavy snow fall last month, we had to drive to Red Deer. My husband was up early to clear our driveway, the snow was deep and it was still snowing.

When I looked out of the window, my first impression was not to go, however, it was the funeral of a very close friend and my husband felt we should try it. He remained calm and assured but I, as the navigator, was visibly less assured or calm.

We arrived at our destination safely without incident, and were both grateful we had made the effort.

However, the homeward journey would prove a greater challenge. Without warning we hit an icy patch and proceeded to swerve from one side of the road to the other, until we safely landed in the ditch. It was a miracle we were not hit by another vehicle and that we did not flip over.

Although we have four wheel drive, there was no way of backing up into the steady stream of traffic. It was only seconds later when another vehicle joined us in the ditch, they suggested we drive ahead and follow in the ditch, which we did for about one half or three quarters of a mile, and then we were able to drive up an incline; there was a lull in the traffic and we were able to get back on the highway.

This particular day happened to be our wedding anniversary. Little did I know when I joyfully said "I do," that forty-three years to the day, my husband would "ditch me!"



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# FROM THE MAILBAG

## Notes from Nigeria

Dan and Janet Snyder are Didsburians who are missionaries in Nigeria. They are working at a school in Jos, Nigeria for the Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada, and Dan is teaching Math and English, while Janet runs the library for the whole school. Both have been in the country periodically doing the mission work since the late 70s. The couple met while working in Nigeria and married in December 1995. Their latest excursion set out on May 15 last year and they will return to Didsbury in May of 2000 for a three month furlough. They will then return to Nigeria and will remain there until 2006. The Snyders send weekly letters to their family telling about their day to day experiences, and we at the Review believe it will be of interest to our readers.

### Dear Friends,

After the violence and destruction in various parts of the country, we now have a time of peace. However, the peace is an uneasy one. We heard of disturbances down town in Jos, but did not have that verified. Dan went down town twice, Thursday and Saturday, and didn't see any problems. The tension, though, is definitely there. He asked an Nigerian man about going back to his part of the country and received an answer indicating that if his people were attacked, they could take care of any situation. This is disturbing because when people are looking for a fight, anything could set it off. We pray that peace will continue and the tension will dissipate.

This Friday and Saturday, Hillcrest hosted an invitational basketball tournament. We watched some very entertaining games, sometimes sitting on the edges of our seats because they were so close. Other games were less exciting. The varsity girls played one team and won 54 to 2. In the final game, our girls lost to an adult Sports Council team, but it was close, and the girls were actually ahead for a time. It was sad to see the ball ripped away from our girls by bigger, stronger women. It is hard to find teams to play against that are close in ability.

The boys have better competition. Friday night they defeated the team they played in the final game. Our boys lost the final game by 12 points, but we were really proud of their sportsmanship. They took calls against them without complaining, and helped the opponents up when they were down. It's easier to be gracious when you're ahead, but our boys were helpful even though they were losing. One of our boys congratulated an opposing team member for a good play against Hillcrest. We were impressed. The coach has worked hard to convince the players that when they are playing, they need to show that they are Christians. I think that he succeeded.

For all of Friday and Saturday most of Nigeria was without electricity. There was a major problem at the hydro-electric generating plant near Kainji. Since then, we have had power for a few hours at a time, but mostly the School generator has been used. When the generator is not on, our inverter kicks in and runs the fridge and lights. We are very fortunate, but some friends who live just across the street don't have a generator, so they were worried about losing the things stored in their freezer. We are trusting that the city will have water. With no electricity, the water can't be pumped up into the tank from where it flows to the city. However, with a few hours of pumping, the city could be supplied.

Life is uncertain. In the overall scheme of things this is true. But here, more is up for grabs. There will be a Muslim holiday this coming week, just before we dismiss for the Spring break. In most countries, the holiday is set. The time of the holiday is set using the lunar calendar, so it can be predicted. However, here we must wait for the sighting of the moon, probably the day before the holiday, to know when it is. In years past, this was a one-day holiday, but last year two days were given. We suspect that the holiday will be Wednesday and Thursday and we'll cancel School on Friday. However, anything is possible. Making lesson plans is interesting. You plan for the most days possible, and then revise when you find out. Whenever it comes, we're ready for a break!

Sincerely,  
Dan & Janet

## Worse than American two-tier medical system

### Dear Editor,

As long time resident of Alberta and having lived in the USA and overseas, I am concerned about our government's attempt to promote private health care.

In the USA private dollars are used to provide health care. In Alberta the government proposes to use the public funding to finance medical care in private facilities. In other cases where the Alberta government signed contracts with private businesses, public funding has been a huge failure and costly to Albertans. When the Swan Hills waste disposal facility was first presented to Albertans, we were promised that only Alberta waste would come to the facility. Yet in the name of financial viability, this promise was broken and toxic waste now comes into Alberta from other places in the world. We also remember our money loaned to pulp mills, slaughter houses and a magnesium plant and then written off when those businesses were not as profitable as had been hoped. Simply stated, these private businesses which begun, survive and profit from taxpayers dollars have drained away money from publicly funded health and education systems. A publicly funded private healthcare system would do more of the same and

could only be worse than an American two-tier system.

Albertans might also remember that at the time of the last provincial election we were promised the opportunity to elect members to our Regional Health Authority boards. This promise has been broken with the result in Didsbury of having the RHA attempt to close down our acute care and emergency services. Only the mobilization of concerned residents and strong local leadership in our area forced the government appointed board to reverse their decision. In light of the broken promise for an elected and accountable RHA along with massive reductions in healthcare personnel and the government's attempt to privatize healthcare delivery, Albertans might wonder why the province is heading in the di-

rection of "for profit hospitals".

Finally I would add that my Christian faith leads me to believe that as a society we are called to care for one another regardless of social standing. The command "Love your neighbour as yourself" suggests that good medical care should be available to everyone who needs it. The motive to maximize profits in private healthcare facilities will move us towards offering more to those of us with wealth and less to those without similar resources. We would be better as a province to commit ourselves to assuring that all people's needs are addressed rather than allowing health business to profit from our money and health.

Sincerely,  
Ken From  
Didsbury, AB

## Explanation wanted

### Dear Editor,

Re: Richard Marz, MLA:

Regarding the nominating election of last week, we would like to know why Didsbury and Olds were not allowed a balloting poll for the convenience of the public? An explanation would be appreciated.

Sincerely, frustrated citizens:

Didsbury - Joyce Marcotte, Allan Marcotte, Ken Fahlman, Rita Fahlman, Agnes Dumontier, Sherry Tschirter, Florence Fredine, Harold See and Lois See, and Gerry Fahlman and Jen Fahlman

Olds - Ken Fahlman and Rita Fahlman

## Bill 11 - Health Care Protection Act

On March 2, 2000 our government introduced Bill 11, the Health Care Protection Act, in the Alberta Legislature. It is legislation which affirms our commitment to the Canada Health Act and to a quality publicly funded health system for all Albertans it takes clear steps to protect and preserve that publicly funded system for our children and grandchildren.

Bill 11 makes certain that no two-tier, American style private health system can ever develop in this province. Bill 11 totally bans private hospitals from operating in Alberta. It prohibits anyone, whether it is a physician or a health facility operator, from taking payments from patients to give them faster service and jump ahead of others in the line. It prohibits anyone from charging patients a fee to receive a service that is covered by the publicly funded health system. And it ensures that major surgeries will be done only in public hospitals.

The Bill also protects Albertans by setting out clear rules for the sale to patients of any upgraded products or services that are not medically necessary and

gives government the legal authority to limit the amount charged for these upgraded products and services. That ensures that there is fair and consistent pricing across the province, both in public hospitals and in surgical clinics.



Richard  
MARZ  
MLA

Finally, the Bill brings all facilities doing surgeries in Alberta under the control of the publicly funded health system. No surgical facility in Alberta will be able to perform insured surgeries unless that facility has a contract with a regional health authority to do those surgeries unless that contract has been approved by the Minister of Health. And the Minister's approval will be based on an assessment of whether or not there is a clear benefit for the public system and for Alberta patients in having such a contract proceed.

One of the most important points about Bill 11 however, is that even when there is a contract between a health authority and a surgical clinic to do minor surgeries that do not require a patient to be in a full-service public hospital, there will still be no cost for the patient. All of the medically necessary services will

be paid for by the public system, whether the surgery is done in a public hospital or in a contracted surgical facility.

Finally, to ensure that Albertans have full access to information about any contracts between a health authority and a surgical clinic, the entire contract will be open to the public.

We believe that Bill 11 is important legislation for Alberta, both in terms of protecting the public system and enabling the regional health authorities to look at all options when considering the most effective and efficient ways to deliver publicly funded health services. The bottom line will be a stronger publicly funded health system for the future.

We believe that Bill 11 is so important to Albertans that we are mailing a copy of the full legislation to each and every household in the province so that you can read it for yourselves. There has been much misinformation conveyed about government's intentions with this Bill and we believe that all Albertans should have a copy so that you can make your own assessment about its intent and impact.

And to ensure that the Bill fully complies with all of the principles of the Canada Health Act, a copy of Bill 11 has been sent to the federal minister of health, Allan Rock, for his review.

## Letters are welcome

Your comment on content or issues of interest to members of our community are welcome. All letters must be signed, (signature to be printed), include a phone number and address. All letters may be edited for brevity, clarity and libel.

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# FROM THE MAILBAG

## Dueling Y2K budgets: Alberta's vs Ottawa's

Stumbling over each other in the race to cut taxes, federal Finance Minister Paul Martin and Alberta Treasurer Stockwell Day recently produced their Y2K budgets to great fanfare and applause. So which government had the most taxpayer-friendly budget? Let's look at three areas - spending and taxes, and debt repayment - to answer that question.

**Spending:** This is where the Conservatives look like liberals and the Liberals appear to be conservatives. Confused? The numbers tell the tale. During its tenure in office the Klein administration has increased program spending by 11%. The Liberal record through the same period (1993-94 to 2000-2001) shows a program spending decrease of 3% from \$120 billion down to \$116 billion.

I'm not making this up.

As far as the recent budgets go, program expenditure increases from this year to next are projected to be 0.4% for the feds and (when on excludes Alberta's "one-time" spending in 1999-2000) for 10% for Alberta. Contrary to public perception Alberta is way out in front of Ottawa in the spending department. Alberta's spending orgy has come at the expense of significant tax cuts.

**Taxes:** Here's where things get complicated. The problem in making comparisons arises from the fact Paul Martin is playing fast and loose with the truth with respect to the magnitude of his proposed tax cuts. Mr. Martin claims to be giving us \$58 billion in tax cuts over the next five years. But at least \$18 billion of that is accounted for as a result of eliminating "bracket

creep". That's not a tax cut - it's a cessation of future tax increases. Subtract the \$18 billion and another \$14 billion for scheduled increases to Canada Pension Plan premiums and the total tax cut drops to \$26 billion. That's an average of about \$5 billion a year (although the cuts start out small and grow larger each year). Such an annual tax cut represents about 3% of next year's projected federal revenues.

Yet the provincial government doesn't fare much better. Alberta will offer up a scant \$236 million in tax cuts this year, rising to \$852 million in 2001, when the new provincial single rate system kicks in. To compare that with the feds, Alberta's annual cuts, when they finally begin, amount to about 4.5% of next year's revenues.

So neither budget provided large-scale tax relief. Most importantly, however, is the fact that both Mr. Martin and Mr. Day have finally eliminated "bracket creep".

**Debt:** Alberta wins hands down. The province has a debt retirement schedule - the feds do not. Alberta continues to apply billions to debt repayment each year. The feds merely plan to hold the debt at existing levels. Alberta could potentially see its debt eliminated within five to ten years. We will never pay off the federal debt under the Liberal plan. Enough said. So there you have it - it's a toss up. Alberta's budget sacrifices meaningful tax cuts to an orgiastic spending binge but devotes itself to slaying the deficit dragon. Ottawa's budget is a watershed for taxpayers

ers in slashing personal and corporate tax rates but it still leaves us holding a massive credit card bill with ridiculous interest pay-

ments. Both budgets provide a good starting point, but there's a lot more to be done before taxpayers start seeing any savings.

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## Marz not deserving of PC nomination

Dear Editor,

Because I felt our MLA, Richard Marz was not deserving of the position of MLA for another term and because I certainly do not want to have to provide him with a pension for having served eight years I bought a Progressive Conservative membership. May God forgive me! But there were extenuating circumstances. A fellow of good character and a real trustworthy working man from Didsbury was putting his hat in the ring for Three Hills, Didsbury, Carstairs, Olds, Cremona Constituency.

Now the fun begins. You can't vote for the candidate in Olds, Didsbury, Carstairs or Cremona but only at Sunnyslope hall wherever that is and Westerdale Hall and only between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and you can't buy a membership at the hall, which is strange. But I had a member-

ship so I could vote, but then it seems that if you voted in Three Hills, you could buy a membership at the Hall. So if you wanted to vote you had to drive from Cremona to Three Hills it might cost you \$50 for gas and four hours driving.

I guess it began to dawn on me that only those living in the Three Hills area were supposed to vote. If this is democracy, isn't it questionable?

The only way to straighten things out now is to declare the nomination of Richard Marz void because it is void in the minds of those who were denied any semblance of democracy and they are hooked in to paying the wages of this fellow who I call the invisible MLA for another four years and a lifetime pension.

Sincerely,  
Dennis Combs  
Olds, AB

## Say no to Bill 11

Dear Editor,

It is only a year or two ago that we witnessed the blowing up of the General Hospital and the closing of the Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary.

It is only a month ago that the people of this area by rallying together, some 1200 strong and with hundreds of letters, stopped, at least for now, the closure of the Didsbury Hospital.

This week we received the information on Bill 11, entitled the Health Protection Act, Bill 11.

If the Act were to protect us from arbitrary action of our Health Minister, maybe we could accept it, but what I read from the Bill, there will be even more power in the Minister's hands to do just about what he wishes.

We have already heard of inquiries from investors in Cal-

gary looking at our facility in Didsbury and who want to know how they can go about buying it for a private Hospital.

By his own admission, Mr. Klein intervened in the Didsbury Hospital issue after he received hundreds of personal letters from the people in this area and heard reports of the meeting of some 1200 people in Didsbury.

So if you care it's up to you and I, fight or lose. Write or fax directly to the Premier. Even if you just say NO to Bill 11, and can be in your own handwriting.

Fax to Premier Klein at 780-427-1349 or mail to Legislative Bldgs., Edmonton, AB, T5K 2B6.

Your health may depend on it.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Stan Bell  
Carstairs, AB



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If you are interested, call the local detachment  
of the R.C.M.P. or come to our meeting on  
March 15 at the Didsbury  
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Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.  
Didsbury Aquatic Centre Schedule 335-8653  
Memorial Complex & Aquatic Centre 335-7369

Library Hours: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tues.-Sat.  
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Main Street Project Office 335-3205  
Rosebud Valley Campground 335-8578

The Town of Didsbury Community Services Department is hosting a meeting in  
regards to Youth Initiatives in Didsbury. If your organization would be interested  
in attending please contact Alana at the Town Office at 335-3391.

We have streamlined our utility billing process to make it easier for our customers.

The customer will now be able to better understand the bill and will be billed for water actually consumed.

The following is our new rate structure as passed by Town Council on December 1, 1999:

1. Administration Fee - \$4.50
2. First 1500 gallons of consumption @ .0006/gallon
3. Additional gallons used @ .0056/gallon

Please note: this will be in effect for your March billing.

### New Development Permit Applications

The following Development Permits have been issued  
for the following proposed developments:

DP 14 - 00	1505 - 25 Street	Relaxation - Side Yard	R1
DP 17 - 00	1214 - 15 Avenue	Basement Suite	R2
DP 15 - 00	2425 - 19 Street	RCMP Detachment	I1

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 15 Ave. or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing to the secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on March 29, 2000.

Robert Wigg - Development Officer.

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Regular Council: Apr. 5  
Community Services: Mar. 28  
M.P.C.: Mar. 29  
Corporate Services: Apr. 11

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# Board looking to change Kindergarten program

## ... and other school board notes

By Nicole Smith

### Program proposal

Four schools within the Chinook's Edge School Division may be changing their Kindergarten programs just a little in the near future.

CESD is looking at increasing the hours of Kindergarten students at the Benalto, Poplar Ridge, River Glen and Steffie Woima schools.

Currently, all Kindergarten students in the district attend 400 hours of class time during the year. The board is looking at increasing the hours to 450 for the four schools.

The board may be implementing this pilot project next year in the hopes that in the long run, it will increase learning at that level and decrease any learning needs that may develop.

The proposal was initiated by Assistant Superintendent Bill Chalmers, who is in charge of Special Ed/ ECS Liaison, who believes that teachers will see a difference in the student within a year.

Chalmers also told the board that a university is interested in conducting a study on this project, so some grant dollars may be available.

The board voted to defer the issue until after a budget review has been done.

### Capital modernizations

Three CESD schools will be receiving upgrades, after the division received \$7.6 million

for modernizations.

Spruce View School, Delburne School and Olds Elementary School will all be having some major upgrades within their walls in the next while.

Spruce View School was placed the third highest school in the province for needs. Although approval wasn't received for a new gymnasium, the division will be dealing with internal components that need upgrading. \$2,510,425 was allotted to Spruce View upgrades.

Delburne School was approved for a new gymnasium, and other mechanical and electrical upgrades will be done. \$2,591,370 has been set aside for this project.

Olds Elementary School will also be receiving mechanical and electrical upgrades within their building. The cost of this will be \$2,582,767.

"We're very pleased that these three schools received funding," said Assistant Superintendent Lyall Thomson, who said that these schools have been passed over in the past because of low enrolment. Chair Roy Brassard offered the boards compliments on having received the capital dollars.

"This money reflects not only the needs of the schools, but also the calibre of the presentation," said Brassard.

### Possible policy changes

The board currently has two

policies on the table that need some changes made.

The first policy has to do with student suspensions/ expulsions.

The board feels that it needs to be stated in the policy that a student has the right to appeal a suspension or expulsion decision to the principal of that school.

Also, wording needs to be changed in the policy that a parent no longer has a right to "appeal" a decision with the Minister of Alberta Learning, but that they have the right to ask for a "review" of the situation. The word "appeal" needs to be changed.

The other policy has to do with WHMIS/ Chemical Management in the division.

The board needs to identify a "Designated Safety Coordinator" in the division, and currently they do not have one.

Both policies were sent to the Policy Committee to have the changes made.

### Donation dollars denied

A letter was received by the board from the Central Alberta Science Network, requesting a donation of up to \$5,000.

This money would be used for their upcoming Science Festival, which is to be held in Red Deer on May 12 and 13.

The board decided not to make any contribution, because there was some concern felt that very few Chinook's Edge students would be in attendance.

Superintendent Herb Fader says that it is mostly the City of Red Deer students that would be participating.

### Twinning endorsed

A letter was also received from the Didsbury Twinning Committee, requesting a contribution on the upcoming twinning celebrations.

The board opted not to sup-

ply a financial contribution, but instead supply school buses to help with transportation.

### Outreach review

The CESD board has conducted a review of outreach programs within the division.

All information has been kept confidential pertaining to the review, because many people have been identified.

Information about the review may be available at a later date, after it has been reviewed by the Education Committee.

The review was conducted to see how beneficial the programs are within the division.

"The outreach programs have been a controversial is-

sue because they're seen by the community totally different than they are seen by educators," said Chair Brassard.

### Book published

A presentation was made at the last meeting to Dirk Budwill, a teacher at Poplar Ridge School.

Budwill has recently had a book published, called *Win Win Tag Games*, which focuses on tag games for children.

The book has also recently been approved by Alberta Education as part of the new physical education curriculum in the division. Budwill was presented with a small token of the board's appreciation for his contribution to education.

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## In the courts...

by Dan Singleton

Driver was extremely drunk

A 38-year-old drunk driver who raced through Olds when he was almost four times over the legal limit has been fined.

William Anthony Phillips pleaded guilty to a charge of driving with a blood alcohol level greater than 80 mg per cent.

Court heard the accused was arrested Sept. 10, 1998 following a brief police chase during which time the accused's vehicle went through a stop sign.

Breathalyzer tests indicated the accused's blood alcohol level was 300 mg per cent.

It was Phillips' third drunk driving conviction.

Judge William Pepler fined Phillips \$1,000.

## THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my supporters and volunteers for all their hard work, dedication & prayers. I would also thank all those who took part in the Progressive Conservative Nomination for the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills constituency and all those who got out to vote. It was a tremendous team effort throughout the constituency. Your time and dedication that you all gave so generously is greatly appreciated.

Thanks so much  
Richard Marz



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For more information or an application form please call:

Maureen Drake, Community Developer  
Alberta Mental Health Board - Health Authority 5  
Rite Line 310-0000 @ 934-5174



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# Lifestyles

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## Locals looking for support to run Dublin Marathon

By Nicole Smith

Two local ladies will be tying up their running shoes and travelling thousands of miles to compete in the Dublin Marathon this fall.

Nancy Banick and Nancy Harrigan-Lambert will be taking part in this prestigious event as part of the Arthritis Society's Joints in Motion team.

The 44 km marathon is set to take place in Dublin, Ireland on Oct. 30 of this year. About 50 Albertans will be participating on behalf of the Arthritis Society. The international race isn't an arthritis run, but various groups from across Canada will be running on behalf of the cause.

Though neither of the ladies has arthritis, they both see the effects of the disease on a daily basis. Because of this, they have chosen Arthritis Heroes who they will be running the race for.

Banick will be running for her mother, who suffers from arthritis, as well as several close friends.

Harrigan-Lambert will be running the race for Tyler Woitt, an 11-year-old student in her class at Dear Meadows School in Olds, who suffers from juvenile arthritis.

In order to participate in the marathon, each of the ladies

has to raise \$5,000 for the Alberta Arthritis Society. This money will go towards programs and research within the society. By raising this money, they will be guaranteed their plane tickets and accommodations once in Ireland.

Banick and Harrigan-Lambert are asking local businesses, service clubs and individuals to help support this worthy cause in the form of cash donations.

So far, the ladies say they have each raised about a third of the money necessary and are very appreciative of the support they have already received.

Many businesses in Olds, along with Sanders Financial Services in Didsbury, have already donated dollars to their venture.

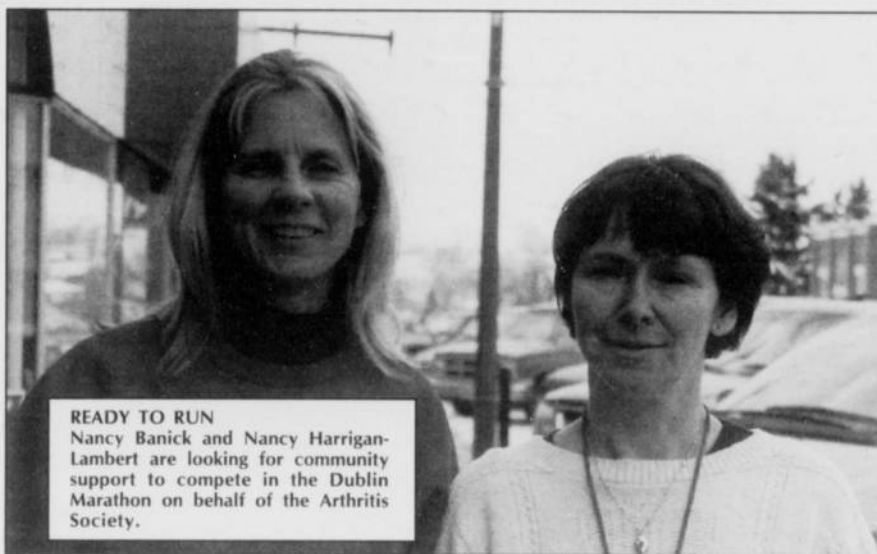
"Everyone has been very generous," Banick said.

The two began their training for this event in January and are following a strict schedule that was issued by the Joints in Motion organizers.

They run together a couple times a week, as well as running alone too.

The pair has been running together for the last five or six years, but this will be the first full marathon that each will have participated in.

They started out running 10 km races and then moved up to



### READY TO RUN

Nancy Banick and Nancy Harrigan-Lambert are looking for community support to compete in the Dublin Marathon on behalf of the Arthritis Society.

half marathons, which are 22 km long.

They decided to take part in the Dublin Marathon because it is the new millennium and each wanted to run a full marathon at least once. They are hoping to complete the long race in under five hours.

They say they will have run the entire 44 km at least once before they voyage.

"It's very exciting," said Harrigan-Lambert. "But it's also scary at the same time."

The pair are hoping to have all their fundraising done by the end of June, so that they can concentrate on their training for the following couple of months.

If you are interested in helping support the ladies on their journey to Ireland, they can

be reached several ways.

Donation forms will be available on Harrigan-Lambert's website, at <[www.telusplanet.net/public/dctaylor/nancy](http://www.telusplanet.net/public/dctaylor/nancy)>.

You can also reach the ladies by phone. Harrigan-Lambert can be reached at work at 556-1003 or at home at 556-4150. Banick can be reached at 335-4984.

## News from the Dragon's Den

We have several groups of students to congratulate for their achievements as of late. First, Chantelle Wilshusen, Crystal Wilshusen, Jody Dalziel and Candace Monteith won the Counties for Girl's Senior High Curling. They then went on to compete in Zones at Drumheller and played very well. They ended up losing two tight games. Good work girls!

The Senior High Girls Basketball Team is having an excellent season! They won their league and the play-offs to get to Zones in Okotoks on March 9 and 10.

Also, the Senior Band and Junior Band competed in the Kiwanis Music Festival in Olds on March 7 and 8. Both bands played well and achieved Honours. They are also busy getting ready to compete in the Alberta Band Festival in Red Deer, which runs from May 15 to the 27. If you have not heard them play yet this year, watch for details regarding their end of the year concert.

The teachers of core courses will be sending home interim report cards this week. This is an important communication link between the teachers and the parents. Teachers may ask that these reports be signed and returned.

Just a reminder that March 23 will be the last day to order Easter Lilies. Order forms are available at the school office. The proceeds of the sale go to help the Graduating Class of 2000.

Welcome back and congratulations to Mrs. Jennifer McCulloch, formerly Miss Jennifer Redmond, who was busy the past couple of weeks in Hawaii holidaying and getting married.

Also, a belated welcome goes out to Mrs. Wendy Heidebrecht who has joined our staff. She teaches Math 10, Social Studies 10, Science 10 and Financial Management.

## Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce Notes

Everyone introduced themselves and all were welcomed by Chairman Dan Peters.

Pictures of the winners of "Christmas Lights" were taken after the presentation of awards.

Guest speakers:

1. Greg Hnatiuk - Community Constable brought everyone up to date on the changes to the traffic by-laws.

2. Robert Wigg - Planning and Development officer - Town of Didsbury up to date info and infrastructure plan, the Land Use Bylaw, Parking Issues.

3. Evan Parliament - CAO Town of Didsbury. How can the Main Street Project be continued after the contract ends this summer?

Dave Mohr, Main Street Coordinator noted that he will

contact communities that have continued to request information on how they have succeeded in continuing the Main Street Concept.

Reports were given by Dave Mohr for the Trade Show and Midnite Madness.

1. Show & Shine Committee noted that the show will be located downtown again this year. A swap meet is being held at the Curling Rink in conjunction with the Show 'n Shine.

2. Dave Mohr noted that the Didsbury Main Street Project will be hosting the Alberta Main Street Annual General meeting on June 1 & 2, 2000.

3. The Elevator Project has reappeared with a different focus. The Historical Society is looking into the purchase of the last elevator in Didsbury. Harry Penner & Terry Walls

are looking into the feasibility of this project.

4. Didsbury, England Twinning - a formal application for Millennium Funds for this project is being prepared, the C of C committed funds to this project.

5. The new historical banners are on order and should be arriving within 6-8 weeks.

6. Vice chair position is as yet not filled.

7. Didsbury Home Help Association Jean Freeman, herself a member, explained the focus of this non profit group - to be able to refer people who phone in for services (help cleaning their homes, washing windows, handyman services etc.) to volunteers or businesses in the community who will provide the services requested either on a volunteer basis or on a fee for services basis.

The phone number is 507-9063 for all information. Brochures are available at College Green and at the Chamber of office.



Marge  
ST CLAIR



## MEGA MUSIC

The Didsbury High School Senior Band performed well at the Kiwanis Music Festival last Tuesday afternoon. The festival is a rather prestigious affair, where local bands are judged on their performances.

Performances continue at the Deer Meadow School in Olds until March 28, when the Grand Concert will be held.

Photo by Nicole Smith



## Kiwanis Music Festival



Kathleen van Mourik: Kathleen is our second special guest performer at the Grand Concert at 7:00 p.m. (new time) on Tuesday, March 28th. She performed at the Olds & District Kiwanis Music Festival in piano and went on to the Provincials where she received an award for second place.

She graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree in piano at the University of Calgary. Kathleen moved to the Netherlands

where she studied vocal accompaniment and chamber music with Hans Broekman, receiving the Uitvoerend Musicus degree. She continued her studies in Holland and performed with the Stravinsky Project on the Netherlands Radio, appeared as soloist with the Hilversum Chamber Orchestra, and performed on Netherlands Television.

Upon returning to Canada, she performed across the Country and for the CBC. Kathleen is the Founder and Artistic Co-Director (with Charles Foreman) of the Mountain View International Festival of Song, Canada's sole summer music program dedicated to training young singers and pianists. In 1998, Ms. van Mourik and Mr. Foreman founded the Mountain View Connection, Calgary's newest concert series, which presents young artists in performance. Kathleen and her husband, Charles Foreman, are looking forward to a second year as a "two piano team" and will do another residency at the Banff Centre. Come and listen to this phenomenal pianist at Deer Meadow School!

See next week's paper for the third and final special guest performer!

## Kiwanis Music Festival



Candia Griffin grew up in Crossfield, Alberta and participated in the Olds & District Kiwanis Music Festival for several years. In 1995, she received first class honors and distinction marks. She was awarded scholarships for "Best Vocal Solo Concert/Recital", and "Best Overall Vocal Soloist - Girls 16 and under". She was recommended for Provincials and went on to compete in Edmonton.

In 1996, Candia received scholarships from the Olds & District Kiwanis Music Festival for the following categories: "Best Classical Vocal Solo 16 and under", "Best Vocal Solo Concert/Recital", "Best Overall Vocal Solo 16 and under", and was again recommended for Provincials, where she placed third. Candia plans on furthering her music education with graduate studies.

Candia is the first of three special guest performers who will be performing at the Grand Concert on Tuesday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the Deer Meadow School. Come and hear this very talented lady!

## Cremona Gold and Silver News

Respectfully submitted by  
Lita Reid -  
Gold & Silver News Reporter.

President Donna Dole opened the March 3 Supper Meeting of the Cremona Gold & Silver Club with a humorous reading about the amount of "Stuff" we all collect around the house.

Three teams of Carpet Bowlers enjoyed an afternoon playing against Didsbury bowlers at their club on the 28th of February.

There will be a bus load of happy travelers going to Rodeo Royal on March 17.

They are invited to eat early at the Congregational Church Supper that evening.

Gwen Hatton is now our Bridge Reporter while Marlene Toner and Roy Rothery will keep us abreast of Cribbage events.

Our heartiest good wishes have gone with Kay and Henry Unger as they begin a new phase in their life by settling in High River.

They will be greatly missed in our Club and our Community.

A letter was shared from Kay and Henry Unger their thanks for precious years of friendship and memories.

Kay Unger donated a painting by Alan Reid to the club and a decision was made to hang the picture on the south wall of the hall.

Discussion arose as to who would take Henry's place as maintenance supervisor: we will continue to pursue this matter.

Doug Rodgers reported on the Senior's Curling Bonspiel winners noting that George Whitlow's Rink, including Ken Wardle, Vi Bellamy and Lila Robertson received the Gold and Silver Plaque winning the 2nd Event.

Lionel Bird adjourned the meeting.

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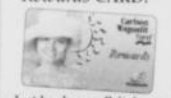
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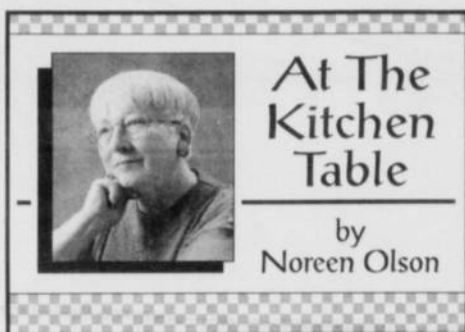
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## At The Kitchen Table

by  
Noreen Olson

For the last several days I have been in Hospital in Red Deer. I did not choose Red Deer over Didsbury, my Didsbury Doctor sent me to a specialist who practices in Red Deer. My loyalties are not compromised. I'd have stayed in Didsbury if I could have. As hospital stays go it was about what I expected, nice nurses, bad coffee, excellent patient care, limp toast and not enough salads and fresh fruit. I was there from Tuesday until Friday, members of my family visited every day and I did not encounter one staff person who was less than caring and helpful but it's not the visitors and staff that made my stay memorable, it was my roommate.

There was a partially pulled curtain between our beds so I first became aware of her extremities. Her toes were twisted, her dark hair was in French braids. There seemed to be extra shelves on her wall and they held quite a variety of house plants. There were pictures of little children, bags of what looked like wool, albums, notebooks. It looked like she had been here for a while and was probably going to be here for a while longer. I did not instigate any conversation, I was tired and groggy and a bit jealous of my privacy. It was about 6 AM on Wednesday when we first spoke. I woke to the sound of muffled sobs and then I heard, "Please ring for the nurse, I can't reach my call button." I rang, the nurse brought a needle and quiet reigned until breakfast.

My roommate had Arthritis in it's most cruel and crippling form. "Both kinds," she said cheerfully. "Rheumatoid and osteo." It had started several years ago, suddenly and without warning in an attack so painful and so debilitating that she was taken to hospital by ambulance and it took several days for it to be diagnosed. As far as she knows it does not occur in her family except for the odd bad knee or creaky elbow. "It comes and goes," she told me, "this is just a bad attack, it will go away and I'll be back to normal." She had been in Hospital since early January.

Her husband had been in the Military but the marriage broke up in the early eighties, from then on she raised the 4 kids by herself. Fortunately she had a good job with excellent benefits and her parents were close. The kids, 2 boys and 2 girls, range from mid teens to early twenties, all either in school or working. Both daughters are married and one of them is mom to the cute kids in the pictures on her wall. The kids visit often and when they do they find a wheel chair and take Mom outside for a smoke. "Being in here has sure cut down on my smoking, I've only used one carton since January."

When her daughter and the 2 little ones came to visit I and my guests went next door to the Atrium. When I came back she told me what happened with her little grandson and the mud. "When we went out for a smoke he got his little boots all muddy and when we came back he climbed into that chair and first thing we knew it was covered with mud, then we saw that the floor was all tracked and then when he tried to get into bed with me to see the TV he made a big streak of mud on the sheet. I got one of those protective bed pads from the cart and covered the mud, then I got a washcloth and cleaned up the chair and then I wet 2 more washcloths and put them on the floor and used my feet to clean up." This from a woman who is so crippled up that every move she makes generates pain. "The funny thing is," she continued, "I just finished when my son came and he could have done the whole thing in 2 minutes."

Most of her sentences began with "The funny thing is." Her favorite farewell is, "Don't do anything I wouldn't do, and that leaves it wide open." She loves Las Vegas and took each child there on his or her 21st birthday. The youngest boy would rather go to New York and she intends to take him there. When her daughters planned to get married she bought calligraphy books and taught herself the art so that she could do place cards and certificates. She does lovely calligraphy. She had both knees injected while I was there. Not a peep.

I hope that this attack passes and she takes her son to New York. I hope I'm strong enough to never again complain about twinges of arthritis in my hands and knees.

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# South-West Didsbury news

**By Bessie Eckstrand**

Best wishes of the area go to Ralph & Noreen Olsen who have been in the hospital recently. Both are home now, and doing well. Visiting Ora & Husband Jim Findlay of Westcott is Ora's sister Wendy Boldue (Landeen) of Kelowna, BC.

Best wishes to Doug Shields who has started up a new industry (Country Audio) south on main street.

Doug's new business started

January year of 2000. He installs satellites and will do all you're audio needs. Good luck Doug.

Erna Goerzen, Ethel & Karen Baudistel were hostess' for the March 8 brunch at Westcott Hall with about 15 ladies and several children present.

Candles and white mums was the setting for a lovely lunch of bran muffins and chocolate cake and cheese.

Weather was a little stormy,

but inside the hall was a nice warm and friendly atmosphere.

**Dates to note:**

Next brunch will be held on April 12 with Deb Russel and Teresa Ziegler as hostess'.

March 25 - there will be an auction at Westcott Hall.

Everyone is invited to attend and donations will be appreciated.

Farmers appreciate the snow received lately, as long as the wind leaves it there.

## Start your own summer business with help from the federal gov't

Full time students seeking summer employment now have the option of becoming their own employer, through an interest-free loan of up to \$3,000, available with a click at [www.bdc.ca/student\\_loans/](http://www.bdc.ca/student_loans/).

The Student Business Loans program, is funded by Human Resources Development Canada and managed by the business Development Bank of Canada (BDC).

It provides nearly one thousand students with the opportunity to launch their own summer businesses.

The program provides loans of up to \$3,000 to student entrepreneurs.

Students in high school, community college and university can take advantage of these loans, as long as they are planning to return to school in the fall, and are at least 15 years old.

Loans are available on a first-come, first-served basis from March 1, to June 30, 2000.

The loans are interest-free until the due date of October 1, 2000. Students who fully repay loans of a minimum size of \$1,000 between August 1, 2000 and September 15, 2000 will receive a \$100 rebate.

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## Didsbury Trilogy Complete

Publisher Gene Hartmann of Contemporary Graphics, is pleased to announce the final print of the Trilogy of Didsbury's historical buildings has just come off the press. The Hiebert House joins the Brick & Sandstone School, now our local museum, as a limited edition numbered and double signed print; the work of local artist Joyce Mullen. The CPR Station print was issued in 1980, double signed but not numbered, and is not a limited edition. The School was printed in 1989, and the original painting of the Hiebert House was finished in late 1999.

The prints of the Hiebert House will be available to the general public at the Art Show held in conjunction with the Didsbury Trade Show on April 1 and 2. Despite the rise in publishing costs, the prints will sell at the same price as the Sandstone School, \$40.00 each. Anyone purchasing a print on April 1 at the show, may have it personally autographed by the artist if they desire.

There are 9 Publisher's proofs, the first 9 off the press, which sell at \$50.00 each, 30 Artist's proofs which are not available to the public, and the remainder of the run, which will be available after April 2 at Contemporary Graphics.

Mrs. Mullen has been teaching art to young people since 1967, from Didsbury and surrounding areas. She has taught seminars in Calgary, Camrose and High Prairie. She is also a teacher of porcelain painting and is a member of the Federation of Canadian Artists, a member of the Canadian Association of Porcelain Artists, the Alberta Porcelain Artists of Calgary and has her Certified Teachers Certificate and her Porcelain Artists Certificate from the International Porcelain Artists Association, headquartered in Dallas Texas.

Some of her art work has been featured on an international magazine cover and made into a calendar, and her art and porcelain can be found in a number of countries around the world.





# Take steps to reduce fuel costs

Motorists have no choice but to buy gasoline at an inflated price, but the Alberta Motor Association (AMA) says they can take steps to cut fuel costs by reducing the distance they drive and increasing fuel efficiency.

"The best way to cut your gasoline costs is to reduce the distance you drive," says AMA Government and Consumer Affairs Director Rob Taylor, "by combining errands, which may also save you time. You can shop closer to home. You may be able to walk, car-pool or take public transit. And there are some trips you can choose not to make."

The AMA also offers the following tips to save on fuel:

- Maintain as steady a speed as possible. Constantly varying your speed burns more fuel.

- Avoid sudden stops and jackrabbit starts that waste fuel. When possible, coast to a red light rather than rushing up to it.

- Check your tire pressure. An underinflated tire not only wears out faster, it also causes your car to consume excess fuel.

- Don't idle or warm up your engine completely in the driveway. After 30 seconds, proceeding down the road at a slow pace whenever possible is best for your engine. Letting your engine idle is "going nowhere fast", and it wastes expensive gasoline.

- If a tune-up is due, get it done now. A smooth-running engine and clean air filter can improve fuel efficiency.

- Change your oil and filter regularly, so your engine functions more efficiently.

- Unless your owners manual specifies premium gasoline, fill up on regular.

- Turn off your engine if

waiting for more than a minute. Contrary to popular belief, restarting your car consumes less fuel than idling for a minute.

- Keep your vehicle free of unnecessary objects that add weight, causing greater fuel consumption.

- Check the fuel consumption ratings when you buy a new vehicle, and buy a vehicle that is no larger than you need. Larger vehicles consume more fuel.

- Where possible, choose to drive on routes and at times with a smoother traffic flow, to reduce the number of stops and starts.

Some CAA members across the country have asked how they can protest the high price of

gasoline. "Our advice to members is to make their protest count," Taylor says. "Call your MP and let him or her know you want federal gas taxes lowered. As Albertans, we're sending more than \$500 million a year in gas taxes to Ottawa, and seeing very, very little of it spent on highways."

Taylor says the federal government's lead, since our provincial government now dedicates five of the nine cents in provincial gas tax per litre collected in major urban centres, directly to highway infrastructure.

The Alberta Motor Association is the largest membership organization

in Alberta, with more than 560,000 members representing almost 40 per cent of all households in the province. Besides Emergency Road Service and Driver Education programs, the AMA also operates the largest vacation travel agency in the province, and one of the largest insurance agencies, with a full range of auto, home, travel and life insurance services. As well, the AMA is a leading advocate for road safety and a coordinating partner of the MISSION POSSIBLE Traffic Safety Initiative, which seeks to reduce the more than 400 annual deaths and more than 20,000 injuries on Alberta's roads.

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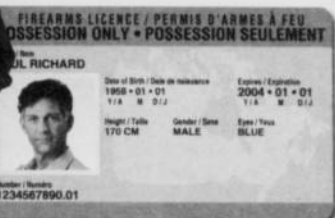
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# WAY OF LIFE RELIGION

## Focus on the Family



*James C. Dobson, PH. D., is founder and president of Focus on the Family, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. Dr. Dobson is married, the father of two grown children, and resides in Colorado. For 14 years he was an associate clinical professor of pediatrics and the university of Southern California School of Medicine, and served for 17 years on the attending staff of the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. He has also been heavily involved in governmental activities relating to the preservation of the family.*

**QUESTION:** My wife and I are approaching our retirement years and we have been very blessed financially. We own several large businesses and will have a sizable estate to pass on to our three children.

How do you feel about leaving large amounts of money to the next generation? Is there a right and wrong way to do it?

**DR. DOBSON:** My views on that subject may not be what you want to hear, but I can tell you only what I've observed and what I firmly believe. I'm convinced that it is very dangerous to give large amounts of money to kids who haven't earned it.

A sociological study published some time ago, called "Rich Kids," validated the concerns I have observed. The authors of that study concluded that large trust funds are usually destructive to those who inherit them. The case studies they cited were convincing.

Human history also confirms the dangerous influence of money. Men and women have lusted for it, killed for it, died for it and gone to hell for it. Money has come between the best of friends and brought down the proud and mighty. And alas, it has torn millions of marriages limb from limb!

It's also been my observation that nothing will divide siblings more quickly than money. Giving them a large inheritance increases the probability of tension and disharmony within a family.

Your sons and daughters will fight over control of your businesses, and they'll resent those who are designated as decision-makers.

Some of them will lose their motivation to be responsible and will experiment with various addictive behaviors, from gambling to alcoholism.

There are exceptions to these negative consequences, of course, and some people do handle wealth and power gracefully. But it is a difficult assignment at best and one that requires the greatest maturity and self-control.

The question to ask is whether leaving large amounts of money to your offspring is worth the risk it imposes on those you love. You must decide if you want to remove from your children the challenges that helped you succeed -- the obligation to work hard, live frugally, save, build and produce by the sweat of your brow. Do you feel right about replacing that need for discipline and industry with a ready-made empire that can be mishandled or squandered?

Please understand that I know this view is unconventional. One of the reasons people work so hard is so their children won't have to.

They love their kids immeasurably and want to make things easier for them.

Further, they've invested a lifetime in the development of a business and the accumulation of wealth. Are they now going to sell it and walk away? That's an unpleasant prospect for any parent.

I can't make that decision for others, of course. My obligation is simply to present the issue as I see it.

And in my experience, the inheritance of wealth is threatening to family relationships, self-discipline, spiritual commitment and responsible living.

Passing on wealth should be done only with great care, years of preparation and much prayer.

The word NEIGHBOUR first occurs in the Bible in the second book, the book of Exodus. There are ten references to neighbour in that book, eleven references in Leviticus and twelve in Deuteronomy. These three books are part of the Torah or Law contained in the first five books of the Bible. These books are common to those of Jewish faith and to Muslims as well as Christians. The applicable Bible passages remind us of the need to be a good neighbour and the importance of neighbourly actions. Jesus taught that we should love God and love our neighbour, and there are many people who believe that we can dispense with God, an opposite view to any of the three world religions just mentioned, and simply concentrate on loving one's neighbour.

In Didsbury and area one of the ways of loving one's neighbour is by offering to be a volunteer or an employee of an individual who needs work done, after a referral from Didsbury and District Home Help Association. This Association is operated by a board of volunteers. It is a locally run non-profit society that endeavours to coordinate volunteers or fee for service assistance for seniors and persons in need. These services may include (but are not limited to) the following activities: errands, household chores, cleaning, preparing meals, companionship, yard maintenance, snow removal, short or long distance rides (after investigating insurance implications) handyman services, grocery assistance, and much more.



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The idea started with three board members recognizing that there were many people (neighbours) in our community who needed services similar to the list above. In addition from time to time there are a variety of people ready and willing and able to help if they are given the opportunities.

As an example this might be a female residing at home but looking for opportunities to become more involved in the community with other people. Another example might be someone who has retired early, and who has extra time to offer to those needing help. Part of the concept recognizes that some people who have time may need dollars. They would be referred with the understanding and expectation that the person they were helping would pay for the service received.

While older people are certainly part of the group who might benefit, other situations include spouses working while the other spouse is on an overseas assignment. (Perhaps there is a house to be cleaned). Sick family members in farming families during peak farming seasons. Alternatively people of all ages sometimes face

hospital stays and when they initially return home they need extra support.

The initial idea seemed valid and simple enough, but the innumerable regulations of modern life, combined with the efforts to seek financial assistance from local sources.

This type of concept has worked well in other communities and in Three Hills significant financial grants are now provided so that a similar association can be the umbrella agency for several local community services. So far here we are working with a number of local organizations but in particular the group is working closely with the Lion's bus for those who need transportation and many Lion's members have kindly volunteered if they can help. We appreciate all the support from organizations and volunteers so far.

Those people available who would like to volunteer should expect to provide a Police Criminal Records Check. Those needing help and those who wish to be part of this good neighbours group should note the following phone number: 507-9063. Please leave a message if necessary and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

It is hoped that the Didsbury and District Home Help Association can serve the community and demonstrate one of many ways that good neighbours can respond to others in a practical way.

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# Faces

a brief glimpse of people and events in our community



Barb Olsen

## Preserving your Scandinavian Heritage

In 1895, Norwegian immigrants met in Minnesota to assist each other during the economic recession, eventually creating an insurance program and a wonderful social opportunity for preserving their culture in the new land. The second largest settlement of Norwegian settlers in Alberta is in the Olds area, and our own chapter of

the Sons of Norway was organized in 1979. According to Barb Olsen, Vice-President, "it's a wonderful opportunity to get together and learn about, not only our Norwegian heritage, but Scandinavian too. You don't have to be Norwegian to join; just have an interest in Norway." The Fjellsyn (meaning "mountain view") Lodge meets every fourth Monday at the Olds Evergreen Centre and entertainment, a learning activity, and fellowship follows each month's meeting. "Sometimes we show a video, or play Norwegian Whist. We offer lessons in Norwegian cooking, or the language, rosemaling, chip carving, and hardanger," says Barb. The Sons of Norway also participate in the community with birthday celebrations at the lodges, donating funds to the local hospitals and Special Olympics, and once a year, campers head to Clive to learn the history, language and culture. Barb says, "I still correspond with a young girl from Minnesota I met there three years ago." There are about 15 different lodges in Alberta now. "My grandfather was Norwegian and my grandmother from Sweden. I joined because I had such admiration and respect for them, and their deep sense of hospitality and caring." A trip to Norway in 1975 clinched it for Barb. "It was a really fantastic experience. The scenery was spectacular, and their sense of humour was wonderful. I joined to learn more about my own heritage." If you're interested in learning about Norway or perhaps would like to know more about Scandinavian culture, contact Barb at 556-2401. She'll probably invite you to their Ethnic Dinner on March 27 at 6:00 p.m. If you hear an Ole and Lena joke, you know you're around some of the friendliest folk around ... the Sons of Norway.



JoAnne White and Kyle and Hannah Moody

## Twin Club

Parents with single children have enough on their hands, but imagine if you have

twins or even triplets! Now there's a chance for a Twin/Triplet Club, thanks in part to the efforts of JoAnne White, mother of twins Kyle and Hannah Moody. "I used to go to the Calgary Parents of Multiple Births Association coffee parties, but it's really a long way for me to go. I thought there might be an interest in having a club around here," says JoAnne. Similar clubs in Calgary and Red Deer offer prenatal support, bereavement support, clothing and equipment sales. "We could do all of that, or something else, depending on the interest. Child care could be an option, but the demand will dictate. If people want structured meetings or informal get-togethers, we'll do whatever they want." Parents with twins have different issues to deal with, and having a support system, especially prenatal and during that first year will be welcomed by other parents in the area. "Each age has unique situations, and we could sure benefit from sharing our experiences," says JoAnne. With great support from other similar organizations, and the national association, JoAnne's plan for a Twin/Triplet Club in our area may come to pass. Every parent of multiple births is encouraged to give JoAnne a call, no matter what age your twins are, at 337-3018.

## Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Coming in May

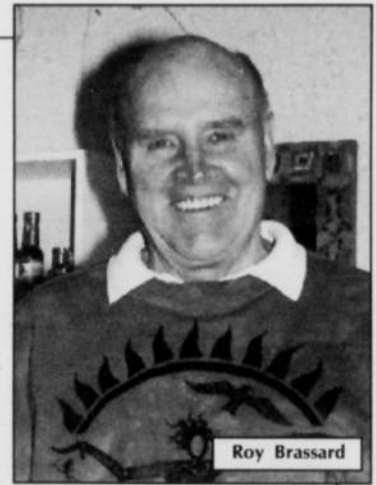
Everyone has a spiritual side to them, something they use to give them strength of spirit, inner comfort, and peace of mind. In an effort to acknowledge everyone's "happy place", a Mayor's Prayer Breakfast was initiated in Didsbury two years ago, and has been considered a success by everyone who has been able to attend. Guest speaker in 1998 was local author, Janette Oak; last year's speaker was Alberta Treasurer, Stockwell Day.

"We try to have an enjoyable, relaxing presentation that takes a different look at the leaders of our country," says Roy Brassard, one of the event's organizers.

Those who have committed themselves to public service face tough decisions every day and need our support, no matter how controversial the issue of the day might be.

"The Mayor's Prayer Breakfast provides an opportunity to get to know our leaders in a different light," says Brassard. "This year's Guest Speaker, Rev. Dale Lang from Taber, will be bringing us a message about where we are today and understanding our fellow man."

It is a Christian-based presentation, but it certainly doesn't exclude anyone. Roy continues, "the Breakfast brings a message for everyone." Rev. Lang is an ordained minister with St. Theodore's Anglican Church in Taber, and has become well-known as a compassionate speaker who has risen above personal heartbreak, after his 17 year old son, Jason, was killed at his high school last year. His message of forgiveness and love of our fellow man will be a highlight at this year's Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, so circle Friday, May 26 on your calendar and plan to attend this community event.



Roy Brassard

## Handy Toy Library for Parents and Kids

"But mom, all my friends have that toy!" We've all heard it and we've all wondered if the latest toy on the market really is worth the price tag. You don't have to wonder anymore, with Didsbury's Toy Library, part of the Kidding Around Parents Club. Located in the basement of the St. Cyprian's Anglican Church, and open on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 11:30 a.m., parents can sign out the toys their kids want and see if they're worth purchasing.

"It's a great way to test out new toys," says Kerri Grue, a volunteer with the library.

"I love it because after two weeks (my son) is tired of one toy and we can sign out something new. It's just a really wonderful resource."

The library has toys for kids from about 6-8 months of age right up to 6-7 years. There's big riding cars, kitchen centers, Mr. Potato Head, puzzles, games, and all the toys are safe and clean.

"Most parents don't recognize the extent of the toys available," says Kerri. "We even have backyard slides for the summer, and the Phonics Game is in now too."

Funding for the Toy Library comes through the FCSS and fundraising. The Toy Library also has a great Parent Resource Library with books and videos that mom and dad can sign out. Membership in the Toy Library is just \$25. per year, and is not limited to parents.

"Grandparents can also join and take advantage of the latest toy fads for when the grandchildren are visiting," adds Kerri.

The Library is hosted by volunteers and the group is always looking for new members. Kerri adds, "the Toy Director is always purchasing new toys and we even have a new bike carrier that pulls behind mom's bike to rent." Anyone interested in taking advantage of this terrific service can contact Kerri at 335-9928.



Kerri and Joshua Grue

## Need help with schoolwork? Check out the Homework Club!

Can't quite figure out what's going on in Bosnia? Having trouble understanding Shakespeare? Then you're going to want to check out Didsbury's new Homework Program, organized by the Didsbury Youth Club.

According to Michelle Hanna, "the kids decide what they want to see and do, and they wanted a homework club, so we researched it and decided it was a great idea. We even got letters of support from the school principals."

The Club meets in the Conference room at the Didsbury Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:45 to 4:45, where they have access to computers and the Internet, and all the regular learning resources.

"The library has been wonderful; they're completely accommodating and are the perfect location," says Michelle. Although the club is geared to students from Grades 5-8, "we will be offering community volunteer incentives to high school kids who might want to help out," says Michelle. The coordinator has a background in education and anyone can come, for whatever reason they like.

"Lots of kids need the support, and we want to help gear them in the right direction, with resources, study tips, help with essays, anything that will help them with their schoolwork," Michelle says. "If we can help them grasp good study habits now, maybe they'll be more successful in high school."

The Homework Club Program is free, but registration is required. Call Michelle at 335-4446 if you're interested in getting together with other students in a quiet place to work with someone who truly cares.



Michelle Hanna

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## Alberta producers waiting for decisions

As seeding plans are being finalized, grain farmers in Alberta are in need of some immediate indication from both the provincial and federal governments as to whether or not they can expect financial assistance equivalent to what farmers in Saskatchewan and Manitoba will be receiving. Wild Rose Agricultural Producers President Neil Wagstaff indicated today that "We want to thank Agriculture Minister Ty Lund for immediately getting to Ottawa to try and resolve a serious inequity that has occurred as a result of last week's announcement for transportation assistance to Saskatchewan and Manitoba exclusively."

Wagstaff went on to say that "We are, however, disappointed to hear politically partisan accusations being made regarding this issue when what is needed is serious negotiations and financial commitments to resolve an unfair situation for grain producers in Alberta. We call upon both Federal and Provincial governments to put aside their bickering and to immediately undertake serious negotiations in order to do what is right and fair for Alberta grain farmers."

Wild Rose Agricultural Producers are also calling on the federal government to quickly announce a decision on the Arthur Kroeger's recommendation concerning the grain handling and transportation system. "A more commercially oriented system that protects and financially benefits producers must be implemented as soon as possible," said Wagstaff. "The status quo is not sufficient."

Wild Rose Agricultural Producers are Alberta's largest producer funded general farm organization.

## Equity sought for producers

"It's wrong for the federal Agriculture Minister to suggest that Alberta farmers haven't been hurt or aren't as badly off as farmers in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Parts of Alberta are in a better position, but I would challenge the Minister to tour areas like the northeastern and Peace regions, as I have, to see first-hand just how difficult a time they are having. These farmers have had to deal with the change in transportation policy as well as low commodity prices and drought." - Ty Lund Minister

Equal treatment for Alberta producers will be the key issue on the table Wednesday as Agriculture, Food and Rural Development Minister Ty Lund meets with federal officials in Ottawa.

Lund has arranged meetings with federal Agriculture and AgriFood Minister Lyle Vancilief, federal Justice Minister Anne McLellan and the Prime Minister's office.

On behalf of Premier Klein and the provincial government, Lund will demand Alberta producers be included in the recent

funding program announced for Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The program is supposedly aimed at assisting those producers hurt by the changes in grain transportation policy. Lund spoke with Minister Vancilief by phone after the funding agreement was announced and the Premier sent a letter to the Prime Minister expressing frustration over Alberta's exclusion from the program.

"This new arrangement is made under the premise that grain transportation costs have increased dramatically," says Lund.

"I will remind the Minister that those costs have not only increased in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, but here as well."

Lund will also ask for the complete implementation of the Estey/Kroeger reports during the meetings. In Calgary on February 18, 2000, Minister Vancilief said it was unlikely the reports would be implemented in full.

"We have the blueprint to help us deal with the high costs and low efficiencies facing the

grain transportation system," Lund says.

"We don't need to waste any time in implementing it now, particularly if, as the federal Agriculture Minister has said, the only impediment was the negative impact on Saskatchewan and Manitoba. They just announced a means to deal with that."

Since the federal funding announcement, Lund has spoken with the ministers of agriculture from BC, Ontario and Quebec. Like Alberta, these provinces were excluded from any discussion about this program, yet had sat in good faith at the table when issues surrounding farm income were discussed.

"Up to this point, we have jointly participated in developing a national approach on farm income issues," Lund says.

"The success of this kind of process depends on transparency and collective decision making. Whether or not Alberta continues with this process will depend on the results of my discussion in Ottawa over the next two days."

## Alberta agriculture estimates

Many of the estimates listed were jointly prepared by Statistics Canada and the Statistics and Data Development Unit of Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development.

### Cattle and calves:

• Alberta continues to lead the country in cattle and calf inventories (5.11 million head), followed by Saskatchewan (2.25 million head) and Ontario (2.0 million head)

• currently, Alberta accounts for more than one-half (55.9 per cent) of the total Western Canadian herd of 9.13 million head and 40.3 per cent of the national total of 12.65 million

• as of January 1, 2000, the estimated total inventory of cattle and calves on farms in the province was 5.11 million head, up 0.1 per cent from the January 1, 1999 figure of 5.10 million

• Alberta reported a total of 102,000 milk cows as of January 1, 2000, down 1.0 per cent from the previous year. Increasing milk productivity was among the factors influencing the decline

### Pigs:

• across Canada, Alberta ranks fourth in pig inventories, behind Quebec (3.69 million head), Ontario (3.44 million head) and Manitoba (1.87 million)

• Alberta currently accounts for approximately 37 per cent of the estimated total western Canadian pig population of 4.75 million head and over 14 per cent of the national total of

12.26 million head

• estimates at January 1, 2000, show the size of the Alberta herd declining by 4.5 per cent, with the total number of pigs on farm at 1.77 million head, compared to 1.85 million a year ago. Virtually all of the decline was attributed to market hogs which were down 5.4 per cent to 1.58 million head, from 1.67 million a year ago

• the sow herd is once again expanding, posting the first year over year increase in the past seven quarters. As of January 1, 2000, sows and bred gilts were estimated at 181,000, an increase of 4.0 per cent from a year earlier

### Sheep and lambs:

• some flock rebuilding is occurring in Alberta. The January 1, 2000 sheep and lamb estimate puts the provincial total at 155,100 head, up 2.1 per cent over 1999, and marks the second straight year of growth

• all of the flock expansion was attributed to an increase in the number of breeding animals. Breeding ewes were estimated at 107,000, up 7.8 per cent from 99,300 in 1999; replacement lambs increased 18.9 per cent to 14,500 head, from 12,200 in 1999

• Alberta currently accounts for about 47 per cent of the total estimated sheep and lamb population of 329,600 head in Western Canada, and roughly 23 per cent of the Canadian total of 683,800 head. The province ranks second behind Ontario (191,400 head) in sheep and lamb inventories

### Beekeeping:

• preliminary estimates show 1999 to be a less than average year for honey production, with 20.5 million pounds of honey produced

• the total value of Alberta produced honey in 1998 was \$34.0 million (36 per cent of the national total of \$93.5 million). Comparable estimates for 1999 are not yet available

### Estimates of the 1999 crop production of principal field crops:

• in 1999, all wheat production (winter wheat, spring wheat and durum wheat) totalled over 8.14 million metric tonnes (299,000,000 bushels), up significantly from the 1998 total of 6.75 million metric tonnes

• oats production is estimated at 864,000 metric tonnes for 1999 (56,000,000 bushels)

• production of barley is estimated at almost 5.99 million metric tonnes (275,000,000 bushels) for 1999, up from production totals of 5.66 million metric tonnes in 1998

• canola production reached a provincial all time record in 1999 to close to 2.97 million metric tonnes or 131,000,000 bushels. Production figures for 1998 were 2.47 million metric tonnes

• dry peas showed a significant increase in production for 1999.

Production in 1998 was almost 488,000 metric tonnes, and is estimated at 531,000 metric tonnes in 1999 (19,510,000 bushels)

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### Butcher Cattle:

Feeder Cows 50 to 60; Grain Fed and Exotic 56 to 62; Med. Flesh Cows 51 to 55; Older Cows 45 to 50; Bologna Bulls 64 to 72; Holstein Cows 47 to 53; Feeder Bulls 73 to 84

### Replacement Cattle:

250-380 lb steers 151 to 192; heifers 130 to 166; 400 lb steers 145 to 178; heifers 125 to 156; 500 lb steers 130 to 160; heifers 120 to 145; 600 lb steers 124 to 144; heifers 115 to 136; 700 lb steers 110 to 127; heifers 105 to 121; 800 lb steers 105 to 115; heifers 102 to 113; 900 lb steers 100 to 110; heifers 96 to 106; 1000 lb steers 95 to 105; heifers 92 to 102; Bred Cows 940 to 1300; Cow/Calf Pairs 1010 to 1390; Holstein Steers 600-1000 80 to 105

### Dairy Barn:

Baby Bull Calves 120 to 350; Larger Bull Calves 360 to 525; Baby Heifer Calves 110 to 335; Larger Heifer Calves 340 to 515

### Hog Division:

Weaner Pigs 27 to 40; Small Feeders 40 to 60; Sows & Gilts 100 to 200; Larger Feeders 61 to 89; Boars 90 to 150

### Sheep and Goats:

Ewes 75; Feeder Lambs 110; Nannies 85; Billies 85

### Feed:

Small Square Hay 1.00 to 3.30; Large Round Hay 19 to 37; Straw 0.25 to 0.5; Greenfeed 20 to 25



## Do more To protect yield and quality of cereals

The prevalence and impact of cereal leaf diseases across the Prairies in 1999 was anything but predictable, according to cereal researchers. In fact, the more researchers understand the dynamics of cereal leaf diseases the more they say producers need to adopt best management practices to effectively combat the disease problem in the Prairies.

"Cereal leaf disease pressure varies from year to year, but what complicates managing the problem is that diseases can originate from several different sources," says Dr. Ieuan Evans, plant disease specialist with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development and a member of the Cereal Leaf Disease Directorate, better known as LeaDD. Cereal leaf disease pressure is not static adds Dr. Evans. That's why producers who understand where and when diseases can hit will be more successful in reducing the chance of a leaf disease outbreak in their cereal crops. For example, rust diseases that devastated many cereal fields across southern Manitoba and parts of eastern Saskatchewan in 1999 were carried by the wind from the U.S. On the other hand, the threat of diseases such as scald and tan spot are present in virtually all cereal growing regions because they thrive on cereal crop residue from the previous season.

"Because many different leaf diseases can survive in almost any field planted to cereals, resistant cultivars are a good line of defense against leaf disease," says Dr. Andy Tekauz, head of cereal diseases at the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Cereal Research Centre in Winnipeg, who is also a member of LeaDD.

But Dr. Tekauz points out that the breakdown of

resistance in several cereal cultivars during the past two years has put a new twist on leaf disease control. According to Dr. Tekauz, "Producers shouldn't rely solely on resistant cultivars. That's where incorporating cultural and chemical methods of disease control fits into the program." Dr. Tekauz emphasizes that being proactive is the best way to ensure you won't have a problem. That means scouting suspect fields from tillering until the flag leaf emerges to decide what control strategies are warranted.

Dr. Gary Platford, plant pathologist with Manitoba Agriculture, and a member of LeaDD, adds that producers also need to consider the bigger cereal disease picture. "Producers can't just focus on one disease without considering others," says Dr. Platford. It's pointless to focus strictly on managing Fusarium, for example, but ignore the incidence of cereal leaf diseases, because these types of disease have different effects on grain yield and quality. Dr. Platford adds that knowing at what time during the growing season diseases can strike can help plan a cereal disease management program.

Penny Pearce, plant disease specialist with Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food rejects the notion that cereal crops are at the mercy of leaf diseases.

"Weather conditions conducive to the development of cereal leaf diseases, such as moisture, make predicting diseases difficult; however, producers do have a good line of defense if they adopt the best management practices LeaDD advocates, such as rotating crops, scouting and using a foliar fungicide when necessary."

"LeaDD members have

an important role to play by continuing to raise awareness at the producer level of the damage that cereal leaf diseases can do and what can be done to effectively manage the problem," says Myron Kopec, Development and Technical Services Manager with Novartis Crop Protection. Kopec, whose company manufactures Tilt, a broad-spectrum fungicide registered for cereal leaf disease control in wheat, barley and oats, notes that one of the things LeaDD is doing this year as part of its awareness-raising efforts, is a series of print and radio public service announcements that will highlight the impact of cereal leaf diseases and what practices can be adopted to effectively control the problem in order to maximize the yield and quality of cereal crops.

The Cereal Leaf Disease Directorate's members are disease specialists representing the provincial agriculture departments in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba and the Cereal Research Centre of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, in addition to research and development representation from Novartis Crop Protection. LeaDD's activities are supported by Novartis Crop Protection.

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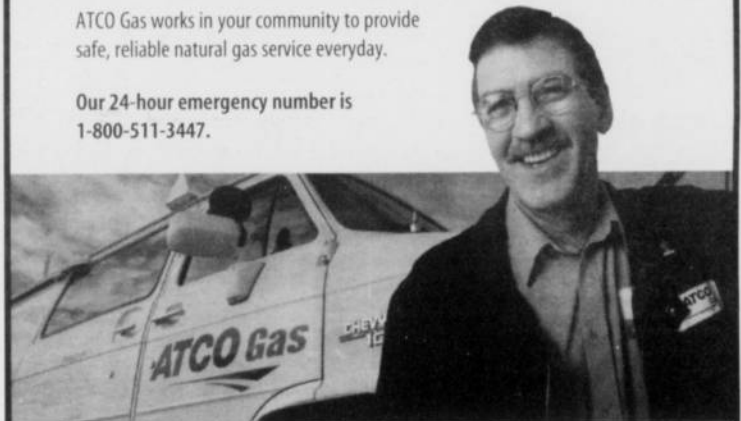
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# Farmers' rights to water: New Alberta water act

Alberta's new WaterAct (the Act) came into effect on January 1, 1999.

"One of the key provisions in the new Act is the protection of agricultural water supplies," says John Knapp, director of animal industry division with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Edmonton.

"The Act can protect a farm's water supply in two clearly defined categories - the use of water for household purposes and the use of water for traditional agriculture purposes."

The Act defines household use of water as the use of up to 275,000 gallons of water per year for human consumption, sanitation, fire prevention and watering animals, gardens, lawns and trees.

If a person owns or occupies land that has a water source (groundwater is included) and there is a residence on that land, that person is entitled to use up to 275,000 gallons from a water supply source on that land. The Act specifies this type of use as a statutory right which takes priority over all other uses.

"The new Act establishes a

new category of traditional agricultural use.

This applies to water used for raising animals or applying pesticides to crops up to a volume of 1.375 million gallons of water per year," adds Knapp.

"If farmers used water for these purposes on or before January 1, 1999, they should apply to register their traditional agriculture water use soon.

All traditional agricultural users are encouraged to register their highest sustained use of water during the years of 1996 to 1998.

This registration will stay with the land."

Knapp points out that even if a producer feels his stock watering is covered by his statutory right, he should consider a registration.

Registration protects a landowner's right to use water by assigning the water source a priority number 'grandfathered' back to the date the water was first put to use.

"Many farmers have asked about the implications of the new legislation and what has to be done to register their water use," continues Ernie

Hui, head of licensing and permitting standards branch, Alberta Environment.

"This really is a protection for farmers. If they decide not to apply for a registration, they may continue to use water for agricultural purposes, but such use won't be protected in case of a water shortage."

Licences have been and will continue to be required for

uses such as large feedlot, hog and dairy operations; irrigation uses; as well as municipal, industrial and commercial uses.

Application forms to register traditional agricultural use of water must be submitted by December 31, 2001.

Information required for the application includes the source(s) of water supply, the date the water source was first

used for raising animals or crops, and the volume of water being used.

Staff in Alberta Environment's regional offices and in all Alberta Agriculture district offices can provide information on the application process.

They are also happy to assist producers with filling out the application form if help is needed.

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# Will it sell? - understanding your market

Before beginning a new farm enterprise producers need to understand their market. Producers need to know who will buy their product or use their services, how to sell to buyers, the amount they want to buy and the price they are willing to pay. Good marketing skills are especially important for new or unusual enterprises as there is often no agency or association that can assist in the location and development of new market opportunities.

"Many producers develop a product or service and assume someone will buy it rather than looking at the market place and customer needs and then developing a product to meet those needs," says Janice McGregor, rural development specialist - business with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Morinville.

Market research is not a crystal ball that can predict future sales. Market research can, however, help you identify trends and develop a marketing strategy to capitalize on those trends. Predictions of future market conditions may include production and consumption levels, prices, packaging and processing trends. Producers should analyze all information collected carefully as data for some products may be out of date and national trends may not apply in the local market.

Market research techniques - you don't need any advanced training to do most market research. Good market research boils down to asking the right questions and looking in the right places for answers. Many producers start with secondary research involving information and data that has already been published. Information on demographics, consumption patterns and market trends is available from libraries, government offices, universities, trade magazines and computer databases. Secondary research is the easiest and least expensive way to obtain market information.

"People often find they can't get all the answers to their questions through secondary research," adds McGregor. "Primary research is important if you are considering an innovative enterprise, a new market or a local market for which little published data exists. Good primary research can be simple and inexpensive. Common methods used include observation, surveys, personal interviews and test marketing. Primary research can help determine the number, time of day and direction of travel of potential customers. It can

also help identify customer buying habits, likes and dislikes, price preferences and current suppliers."

Interpreting data - when gathering market information, it's important to note that it can be

interpreted in a variety of ways, depending on the type of primary research conducted, who was contacted or how the questions were asked. Results may be skewed if questions are slanted to elicit

expected responses. A positive response to a survey or interview does not always translate into a positive action. Just because 80 per cent of respondents say they would buy a product doesn't mean they will.

Marketing options - a marketing option is any method used to sell or distribute a product or service. Research helps the producer find options that most effectively reach the target market. If an enterprise is

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## Emergency preparedness on the family farm

For most, if not all natural disasters, planning and responding to emergencies involves four stages: prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.

### Prevention

A prevention program is a set of actions taken well in advance of a disaster, to lessen or eliminate farm damages. Anticipating possible problems and taking common sense actions to correct the potential problem, will reduce or sometimes eliminate farm damages and possible injuries. In effect, prevention is a long-term approach to looking at the fundamentals of emergency planning.

Some of the typical areas of concern that should be examined are:

Farm emergency plan, health standards, hazardous materials standards, flood plain mapping, safety nets, insurance, safety standards, environmental standards, individual vulnerabilities to nature, and government assistance plans.

Discuss your emergency planning ideas with your friends, neighbours and business associates to determine ways in which you can co-operate and/or share resources and equipment in an emergency.

### Preparedness

Having carefully assessed the potential risks of natural disasters which could affect your farm, the next stage takes the necessary actions to prepare your farm to withstand the potential disaster if it actually happened by creating a Farm Emergency Plan.

In general, your prepara-

tions should take into consideration the following:

- Roles/Responsibilities of each person: Preparing the Farm Emergency Plan, getting the required training and/or supplies, activating the Plan, and managing the response/recovery.

- Farm Assets: Inventory alternative accommodation, lease or rental arrangements, and structural evaluations.

- Communications: Family meeting place, alternate communication sources eg. cellular phone, battery radio, contact list.

- Health, Safety & Food: Extra food supply, first aid kit, medical supplies and prescriptions, evacuation plan.

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- Health Safety & Feed - Plant and Animals: Inventory, evacuation plan, need for veterinarian or crop specialist.

- Environmental: Safe storage of hazardous materials, drainage and disposal of wastewater and manure.

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### Response

On the first indication of an emergency situation you must:

- Account for the safety and well-being of your family members, hired help and farm animals.

- Confirm the farm prop-

erty, buildings and all essential elements.

- Activate your emergency plan as required to meet your immediate needs.

- Tune in to your local radio or television stations for emergency weather reports and other relevant emergency information and instructions.

- Take stock of the damages and record the results of your preliminary assessment.

- Determine critical resource requirements including generators water, feed, fuel, etc.

- Call your emergency contacts as required.

- Continue the emergency response and farm operation by monitoring the changing situation and reassessing your needs.

### Recovery

Recovery is the task of rebuilding after a disaster, and it can take months or even years to complete. To facilitate recovery, you need to:

- Document the damages and costs incurred throughout the Response phase, and prepare a detailed record including items damaged or lost, sketches and photographs if possible and receipts/records of all costs incurred.

- Notify your insurance agent.

- Resume operations as quickly as possible to minimize start-up problems and long-term effects on your

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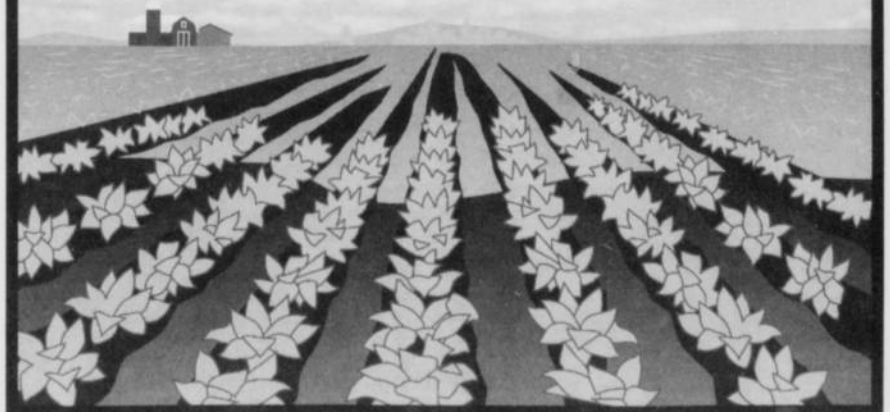

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## 4-H is teaching 'Safety First'

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4-H in Alberta is designed for youth aged nine to twenty. Many of the projects involve working with animals that very young children are not physically strong enough to control. Livestock club members learn proper handling

techniques. A woodworking club member learns ways to work safely with tools. Snowmobile club members learn safe and skillful operation of the snowmobile.

"The safe techniques learned in 4-H are taken home to the family farm," adds Sullivan. "During the club year many 4-H clubs supplement their safe practices with training in basic first aid. Even junior 4-Hers learn how to react in emergencies. Agriculture production is hazardous and the 4-H experience teaches members to be alert to the work-related hazards. But accidents do happen and first aid train-

ing can be a lifesaver."

Safety in 4-H doesn't end with spring achievement days and livestock sales. 4-H camp counselors receive emergency first aid training by Eric Jones, senior safety officer with Alberta Agriculture. "We focus on prevention and first aid in a camp setting," says Jones. "We tour the site and trails to spot hazards like bee hives and uneven paths. The sessions have helped decrease the incidence of injury during the camps."

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## Hearing damage on the farm

That dull, ringing sensation in your ears after a long day on the tractor is an indication that you have exceeded a sound level that can be comfortably tolerated. This ringing is typically accompanied by a slight loss of hearing. While overnight rest will generally restore normal hearing, repeated, prolonged exposure to noise of this intensity will likely result in a permanent hearing loss.

Sound is measured in decibels (dB), with the range of zero to 85 dB being acceptable levels. Research shows that risk of hearing loss is determined by how loud the noise is, how close you are to it, and how long you are exposed to it. High-impact noise at close range can cause permanent hearing loss in seconds or minutes. Examples are gunfire

(140 dB), an engine backfiring, and cutting, grinding or punching metal.

The greatest risk to farmers is spending prolonged periods being exposed to farm noise that often is slight to moderately higher than the acceptable levels. Tractors, grinders, augers, chain saws, lawn mowers, and even squealing pigs have decibel levels that exceed 90. It is this prolonged exposure to farm noises that often causes hearing loss for farmers.

Hearing aids cannot always improve the hearing of those suffering from noise induced hearing loss. Preventing the problem is the best approach. Here are a few things you can do to help reduce the risk of hearing loss on your farm:

- Cabs on tractors can decrease the noise level to the safe

range. If you don't have a cab for your tractor, wear hearing protectors (CSA approved ear plugs or ear muffs).

- Simple machinery maintenance can also lower noise levels, such as keeping

ment well-lubricated, properly adjusted and maintained. Maintenance can increase the life span of equipment, reduce down time, create safer working conditions, and can reduce noise.

- Limit the amount of time spent in a noisy area. If you can't reduce exposure, wear earmuffs

- When working in a shop, keep as much distance as possible between you and noisy equipment.

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## Older farmers at greater risk

The already dangerous work of farming can become even more hazardous as farmers age. According to a study done by the Canadian Agricultural Injury Surveillance Program, male older farmers accounted for 35 per cent of all work-related farm fatalities and 20 per cent of hospitalized farm injuries.

The harsh reality is that older farmers must realize, accept and deal with the effects of aging - just like everyone else. The normal ageing process often results in the quick onset of fatigue, reduced vision, hearing, and balance, and slower reaction time. Also, many suffer from

disorders that reduce mobility, such as arthritis, which can seriously impact safe job performance. All these factors can increase risk among older agricultural farmers.

Here are some practical suggestions to reduce risks for aging farmers.

- Remember that vision is hampered the most at dawn and dusk - avoid driving tractors at these times. Have your vision checked by a doctor regularly. The ageing process also can decrease peripheral vision, which may affect driving performance.

- Get plenty of rest during planting, harvest and long work periods. Take frequent breaks

to protect against fatigue and physical stress. Drink plenty of liquids and keep them available in your work area. Accidents are more likely to occur after fatigue has set in.

- Have something to eat regularly, at least every four hours.

- Use extreme caution when operating equipment. Be familiar with any medication you take and its effect on your reaction time. Even over-the-counter medications can hamper reflexes and diminish alertness, limiting your ability to operate farm tractors and machinery.

- Make sure that a family member or fellow worker knows where you will be working.



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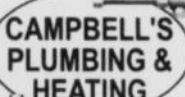


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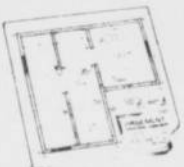
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## Mountain View Colts win Junior B tournament

The Mountain View Colts First Annual Spring Classic Invitational Tournament concluded at the Memorial Complex on Sunday with the host Colts winning the tournament's Final over the Calgary Blazers 7-6. Earlier action saw Calgary edge the Oyen Bees 7-3 in the semi-final to earn the right to play the Colts in the final. The tournament was enough of a success on the ice and at the gate that the Colts plan on holding a similar tournament next season, possibly early in the year to allow for evaluation of players. Colt's coaches Cliff Murphy and Art Pieper noted that a pre-season tournament would offer players a fair chance to be evaluated in a competitive environment. The Spring Classic Tournament marks the end of the Colt's season. The team announced that the Colt's Wrap Up Banquet for players and families, team officials and sponsors will be held March 24 at 7 p.m. in the Curling Rink Lounge.



## Midgets make playoffs

March 4 the Midgets headed to Airdrie for the first game of the play-offs. They hit the ice with full determination to make this a great game and this they did.

C. Clazie put us on the board early in the game, this first goal seemed to fire up the team and keep them on track the whole game.

R. Fife put one in as well as C. Anderson and another one for Clazie. The assists went to J. Dawson, C. Anderson, M. Tuggle, J. Jensen and C. Clazie.

The first game ended 4-1 for Didsbury. This series goes by two game total points.

Round two was in Didsbury on Wed., March 8. With a great attitude the Midgets hit the ice ready to play hockey and show us what they could do.

Coach D. Mohr called on two of our Bantams to come and play with us, so with the help of Ian Brander and Travis Miko, the Didsbury Midgets went on to win this first round of play-offs against Airdrie. T. Black got the first goal of the game.

C. Anderson had a hat trick, D. Ward got one and one for I. Brander.

The assists going to C. Weber, R. Fife, R. Morrow, C. Anderson, I. Brander, J. Jensen, and M. Williams.

Didsbury won with a score of 6-5.

Didsbury heads to Cochrane for the second set of play-off games. Didsbury and Cochrane are very evenly matched teams so to watch these two teams play makes great entertaining hockey.

Cochrane scored first, but we soon tied it up with a one handed goal by J. Dawson. As they played on, Didsbury soon took the lead with two goals for C. Anderson, and one for I. Brander, making this a 4-1 game for a while but soon Cochrane came on strong with a few goals to close the gap.

M. Hnatiuk scored once making the score 5-4. The game went on for a while with that score, but nearing the end of the third Cochrane squeaked one more in to tie up the game.

This one ended in a tie. Assists for this game go to: Clazie, Miko, Black, Hnatiuk, Weber, Dawson, McRae, and J. Jensen.

The Midgets play the second game against Cochrane on Wed., March 15 at 7:10 p.m. in Didsbury.

Come watch some great hockey and cheer for your local Midgets, they can use all the encouragement we can give them.

## Series too close for comfort

by Barry Williams

Calgary Canucks won't repeat as Alberta Junior Hockey League champions, thanks to the Olds Grizzlys.

Sparked by an outstanding netminding performance by Chad Davidson, the Olds Grizzlys skated to a 2-0 victory over the Canucks in AJHL south division quarter final play off series played at the Max Bell Arena on March 9. With the win, the Grizzlys eliminated the Canucks 3-1.

The Grizzlys will now meet the Camrose Kodiaks in the best of seven Cantel AT&T south division semi-finals series, which commenced on Sunday March 12 in Camrose.

Although the Canucks did pepper Davidson with 48 shots, the rookie netminder stood his ground making spectacular saves in preserving the Grizzlys' victory.

Colen Pappas and Tyler Brosz, with an empty net marker, dented the twine for the Grizzlys.

"Certainly I would have liked to see more of a margin in the goal spread in the games we won, but this is playoff hockey," said Grizzlys' coach and general manager Garry Van Hereweghe, breathing a sigh of relief realizing the series was over.

According to Van Hereweghe, the Grizzlys gave the defending champions respect but were not overly intimidated by them.

"If a team gives the Canucks an inch of ice, they will take a

foot," noted Van Hereweghe, indicating the Grizzlys' ability to keep the Canucks in check was the difference in the series.

After losing the first game 3-2 last Sunday in Olds, the Grizzlys responded by capturing the next three games by

scores of 3-2, 6-5 and 2-0.

"This series was definitely too close for comfort," concluded Van Hereweghe.

Fans are encouraged to contact the Grizzlys office for ticket information on upcoming games against the Kodiaks.

## Rotweillers defeated

Over the last three weeks our Atom B boys played against Cochrane in the play-offs, having placed third in the league and Cochrane second they had the home ice advantage. The first game in Cochrane was hard fought but we got the penalty bug and were short handed 14 more minutes. We lost 4-2. Goal scorers were Cordell Wilshusen and Matt Collinge with assists to Kelly Kohut, Travis McTavish, James Whalen and Colby Willibrands.

Next game at home the boys kicked it into high gear winning 3-0 and completely dominating the game.

Grant Jensen was super in nets and all 11 skaters did what was asked. Goal scorers were Jeff Choquette, Matt Collinge and Kelly Kohut with assists to Matt Collinge, Colby Willibrands, Jeff Choquette, Nathan Crosby and Travis McTavish.

The final game of the best of three was again Cochrane.

This was our most exciting game of the year. It was end to end with Grant stopping some

breakaways and us missing goals the other way. The final in regulation play was 4-4 and all overtime was scoreless.

Unfortunately in a 5 man shoot-out Cochrane scored twice to our once. It's too bad in a team sport the team play can't decide the winner but it was sure fun. Goal scorers were Cordell Wilshusen, Tim Phillips, Kelly Kohut and Matt Collinge with assists to Nathan Crosby, Matt Collinge, Jeff Choquette, James Whalen and Steven McNeil.

I would like to thank all the boys for the exciting year. They sure improved. Good luck next year. Your Atom B team Grant Jensen, Colby Willibrands, Jay Keating, Tim Phillips, Steve McNeil, Travis McTavish, Matt Collinge, James Whalen, Jeff Choquette, Nathan Crosby, Cordell Wilshusen and Kelly Kohut with Don McNeil manager and the coaches were Mike Choquette, Don Jensen and Garnet Whalen.

Some of the boys will be playing with the Atom A team in the provincials. Good luck!



# A new league to start New regulations announce spring fishing closures



By Marge St. Clair

After a couple of morning practice sessions lately, a new league will start this fall at the Didsbury Curling Rink. The "Push Broom League" which had excellent turnouts in the fun practices is tentatively scheduled for Thursday mornings.

For those who have had knee surgery or whose knees and hips are weakened, this is the ideal solution to help you still be a curler. A small attachment to hold the rock is attached to the curling broom so that the rock can be pushed and turned as the skip calls "in" or "out", no more getting down in the hack.

We are having many curlers in the Seniors League who are using this device and enjoying the game.

This picture shows Eric Allen of Olds and Lloyd Devine on the ice with Frank Hawthorne, Ernie Hoeft and Howard Wood of Olds waiting for their turn.

It will be great fun for all and we'll keep you posted early this fall.

On April 1, 2000 Alberta is taking a proactive conservation step to protect spring spawning for walleye, pike and perch populations. Spring closures will be implemented to give these fish species a break during their critical spawning period.

Though they are aimed at improving the numbers of three specific species, the closures apply to all sportfishing for all fish species at the majority of lakes, reservoirs, streams and canals in the prairie parkland and northern areas of the province.

Alberta has about 800 lakes that support natural sportfish populations and over 350 000 anglers that fish them - a ratio of about 400 anglers per lake. By comparison, Saskatchewan and Manitoba each have a ratio of about two anglers per lake.

In Alberta, walleye are only found in about 175 lakes and pike in about 400 lakes.

In the Prairie Region of southern Alberta, most lakes, reservoirs, streams and canals will close on April 1, 2000, re-open on May 8, 2000 and remain open until March 15, 2001.

In the Parkland Region of central Alberta and in the Boreal Region of northern Alberta, lakes will close on April

1, 2000, re-open on May 19, 2000 (the Friday of the May long weekend) and remain open until March 31, 2001. The existing closures from November 1 to May 31 for streams in northern Alberta will continue.

Some water bodies will remain open to fishing in the spring.

The lakes and reservoirs that have been stocked with trout will remain open, as will a few lakes such as Newell, Sturgeon, Graham, Peerless, Vandersteene, Utikuma and many remote lakes in northern Alberta.

Portions of the North Saskatchewan and Athabasca rivers, and several streams and lakes along the eastern slopes will also remain open.

These changes received strong support during both the Walleye Task Force public

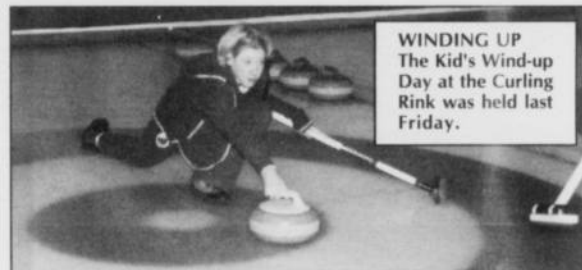
consultation process and the Northern Pike Advisory Committee review process. In fact, during the pike public review, about 90 percent supported the closures.

Season adjustments at McGregor, Pigeon and Wabamun lakes will extend the ice-fishing period for lake whitefish by about two weeks prior to ice break-up.

Complete details will appear in the 2000 Alberta Guide to Sportfishing Regulations - available toward the end of March.

Information is also available from Alberta Environment offices and the department's web page at [www.gov.ab.ca/env](http://www.gov.ab.ca/env).

In the future, there may be some local changes in spring closures on a lake-by-lake basis, as more information becomes available.



**WINDING UP**  
The Kid's Wind-up Day at the Curling Rink was held last Friday.

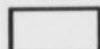
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Second Row: Ryan Miller, Jesse Bayley, Danny Miller, Joey Kemmere, Travis Dietrich  
Third Row: Mike Jackson, Doug Miller, Bruce Robertson, Lewis Klink

These boys and their coaches would like to welcome Bentley, Sexsmith, Bonnyville, Vauxhall, Drumheller, Onoway and Consort to Didsbury Sportsplex for the Atom B Provincial Tourna-

ment. All the teams hope to put on a show of hockey for everyone who attends. This will be an unforgettable experience for all 160 players and coaches.

There will be lots of friend-

ships made, lots of raffle prizes won and lots of good hockey action.

Come on out and support these boys and Didsbury Minor Hockey.

## Say a little prayer for injured player



Robert MAGEE

Saturday, March 11, 2000 will be a date forever engraved in the heart of Toronto Maple Leafs fans.

It was a 4-2 win over the Ottawa Senators that would have an impact on not only the Leafs next 10-15 years, but also on a 23-year-old's aspirations of "making a difference in the NHL".

That night Senators forward Marion Hossa spun around 180 degrees and wildly slapped the puck

towards the Leafs net.

But he accidentally missed the puck and instead, possibly ended the career of an innocent Bryan Berard.

His stick struck the Toronto defenceman square in the right eye, fracturing Berard's orbital bone. Berard immediately underwent several hours of emergency service to attempt to repair it.

Berard's agent Tom Laidlaw told the media that Brian didn't just want to make the NHL, but he wanted to "make a difference in the NHL. And now he's not going to get a chance to do that."

So his career and a part of his life is probably over.

A slightly cocky, but free-spirited, likable guy must now deal with the bad hand life just dealt him.

Teammates Steve Thomas, Mats Sundin, Jonas Hoglund, Dmitry Yushkevich and Tomas Kaberle all visited Berard in the Ottawa General Hospital.

Thomas said there were a lot of tears shed in the past few hours, but Berard has remained strong and positive.

There isn't much left to do at this point, but wait and pray. Second and third opinions will be sought out this week in Toronto and in the USA.

So anyone who reads this, say a little prayer.

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# Lady Dragons advance to Zone Playoffs

It's been a long, dry spell. For female high school teams advancing to Zone Play-offs, that is. In fact, the school couldn't even tell us when the last time was. But the Didsbury Dragons High Girls team advanced to Zone Play-offs last weekend. At press time, results were not known but will be published in next week's paper. Having played a strong season, only defeated once in league play and that game only by one point, the team clinched their berth March 8, 2000 by defeating Sundre by a score of 61 to 44.

Though small in numbers, this team is big in heart and puts herculean effort into every game. The team has had a few injuries and lost two players before half the season was over. Adequate floor time has never been a complaint.

Kristine Overwater, coach, lends many years of coaching experience to the team. Strong in strategic playmaking Kristine's commitment to the team is undoubted. Mother of three young children, she volunteers her hours without complaint and with enthusiasm. Keeping cool under pressure isn't always easy to do but she manages to pull it off admirably. She has taught the team much this year and her help is much appreciated. Thanks so much.

Melissa Feenstra, captain and guard, is very aggressive on defence and offence. She plays good heads up ball and reads the play well. On the move, hustling at both ends, Melissa is one of the scoring machines. Melissa graduates this year and will be missed.

Karla Shultz, on point is a strong playmaker. She shoots well and is always in motion. Very team inclined, Karla is clearly a leader. She controls the momentum of the play and is undoubtedly a team player. "Take no prisoners" is Karla's motto.

Deanna van Dam, in guard position, is another playmaker on the floor. She rebounds very well at both ends and seems to come out of nowhere. Deanna reads the play clearly and puts the brakes on many of the oppositions drives. Deanna will be leaving our team upon graduation and will be sorely missed as well.

Amanda Schneider on post is a force to be reckoned with and should be nicknamed "the wall". Being strong under the boards, both physically and mentally, results in many offensive and defensive rebounds. Going to the basket every time and making it count has made Amanda a valuable asset to the team.

Theresa Hildebrandt, in guard position, shoots and scores. Three pointers, lately. Often, Theresa hustles on the floor and is a strong team player. Excellent outside shooter that makes it look like she could stand and do it all day. Never seeming to tire, this player plays every game to win. Theresa graduates this year as well and leaves a tough spot to fill.

Lisa Dahl, a formidable post as well, plays every game with heart. Lisa fights for the boards with her whole body. She plays to win, whatever it takes. A beautiful soft shot is Lisa's trademark as well as those moves she likes to make on the baseline. Following up that shot with the rebound as well, has Lisa mak-

ing a huge contribution to the team. No one takes the ball from Lisa.

Eden Neufeld, currently on the injured list, played aggressive guard and was in the play at all times. She showed good hustle at both ends and worked to create a defensive turnover. Eden remained on the bench during her injury and supported the team though unable to play. Good for team morale, Eden graduates this year and will no longer be anticipating any more "rumbles".

Stephanie Thomas, on post, joined the team in the latter part of the season and has proved herself on the floor. Strong on the boards, Stephanie's vertical has won her many rebounds. Her seemingly delicate shot hits the mark when taken. The team counts on her to fill many posi-

tions and she doesn't let them down.

Jaci Trenholm, rookie and only grade 10 student on the team, is very strong, both physically and mentally. Fighting for the ball at both ends, Jaci gives up few boards and when she gets the ball nobody, but nobody, takes it away from her. Jaci has strong work ethics and

puts her all into every game. Shooting from the line, rarely missing, she is the most consistent foul shot shooter on the team. She has proven to belong on the team. Welcome, Jaci.

The girls will have faced some formidable competition in Black Diamond. However they did, we'd like them to know of our pride in them. You go, girls!

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## ANNIVERSARY

THE CHILDREN of Dave & Martha Neufeld would like to invite friends to a celebration of their parents 50 years together. Sunday April 2, 2000, 2-5 p.m. at Carstairs Community Hall, 10 Ave. Lochner Way. Program at 3 p.m. No Gifts Please. 48-2t

## BIRTHS

VIC AND KATHY EPP are pleased to announce the arrival of Kaelan Lee, born February 17, weighing 6lbs 2oz. A brother for Mikaela. "Born of our dreams and our prayers. A child of our hearts."

## ENGAGEMENT

Tom and Edna Murphy of Didsbury and Lloyd and Shelley Morgan of Drumheller are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Nicole and Zach



The wedding will take place on August 12, 2000 in Didsbury.

## CARDS OF THANKS

MANY THANKS to everyone for all your cards, phone calls, visits, food and prayers. They sure helped Geoff & I get through some pretty rough times. The cancer is now in remission. God Bless. Eva Page.

## ENGAGEMENT

In the spirit of Christian joy  
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on February 1, 2000



Larry & Donna Mueller of Olds and Terry & Dolores Mohr of Crossfield are pleased to announce this marriage. Family and friends celebrated in the Crossfield Community Hall on February 18, 2000

## CARDS OF THANKS

THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS of Mrs. Pearl Williams wish to thank Dr. Puts and the staff of Longterm Care Unit #4 (DDHS) for the loving and compassionate care extended to Pearl during her years of residency.

THANK YOU to the Ambulance drivers, Dr's & staff in Olds & staff of the Red Deer hospital. Dr. James and staff of the Didsbury hospital. For the good care I received while there with a broken leg. Thank you to my family, friends and neighbours that gave my wife rides to the hospital. Thank you all God Bless you. Emil Regner

## MEMORIAM

IN MEMORY OF Leonard Luft who passed away March 19, 1996.

A beautiful life came to an end; he died as he lived, everyone's friend; He was always thoughtful, loving and kind; What a precious memory he left behind. He left us suddenly, his thoughts unknown; But he left us memories we are proud to own. Treasure him God, in your garden of rest; For in our world, he was one of the best. Sadly missed but lovingly remembered by Nadine, Connie & Cindy.

IN LOVING MEMORY of our son, husband, father and grandfather, Larry Krebs, who passed away March 16, 1994. We do not need a special day To bring you to our minds The days we do not think of you Are very hard to find. We've learned with silent effort, To hide the tears that start But we cannot help the longing, That lies within our hearts. If all the world was ours to give We'd give it all and more, To see your loving face again Come walking through the door. Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by LaRue, Gloria, Shawna, Alan, Cody, Kevin, Louise Rebecca and Darren.

## OBITUARIES

EROS, EDITH MAY (nee McAlaster), passed away at the Didsbury Hospital on March 5, 2000 at the age of 77 years after a courageous battle with cancer. She was a long time member of #264 Royal Canadian Legion. She will be sadly missed by her husband of 53 years, Dan, children Marie and Jim (Sharon) and grandchildren Christi (Richard), Ryan and Tyler, her brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law and their families and her special friends. At Edith's request no funeral will be held. A family graveside service will be held at later date. The family wishes to express their sincere thanks to Rusty and Jean Wyatt. In lieu of flowers memorial tributes may be made directly to the Tom Baker Cancer Centre. 1331-29 St. N.W. Calgary, AB T2N 4N2. In living memory of Edith Eros, a tree will be planted at Fish Creek Provincial Park.

ROSS, BRAYDON ROBERT Braydon died during birth at the Sundre General Hospital, Sunday morning March 5, 2000. This great loss is felt by his loving parents Willie and Lori Ross, Sundre; his maternal grandparents Gloria Larson, Didsbury; Vern Larson, Carstairs; his paternal grandparents Dick and Shirley Ross, Harmattan; great grandparents Margaret Nielsen, Three Hills; Cecile Larson, Carstairs; Chester and Viola Henry, Didsbury; Dorothy Ross, Harmattan; and numerous Aunts, Uncles and cousins. "Some people only dream of angels. We held one in our arms."

SPENCE, C. ARLO, born August 22, 1920 at Maidstone, Saskatchewan, deceased March 13, 2000 at Abbotsford, BC. Pre-deceased in 1997 by Gwen, his beloved wife of 51 years, Arlo is survived and mourned by his brothers, Dale (Eileen) of Wainwright, AB, and Royce (Marg) of Princeton, BC; four children, Larry (Mae) of Rimbey, AB, Allen of Benalto, AB, Ian (John) of Crescent Beach, BC, and Deborah Oneil (Brad) of Airdrie, AB; eight grandchildren, one great grandchild, numerous other relatives and friends. Arlo served his country in WW11 as a sergeant in the tank corps (4th Canadian Armoured Troops, Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers) taking part in the invasion of Normandy and the liberation of the Netherlands and Germany. After the war he worked in the construction industry, rising to foreman and superintendent in Calgary, before taking up farming near Ponoka, AB, in 1960. In 1970, he and Gwen (and daughter Deb) moved to Yellowknife, where Arlo worked as a foreman for the Government of the NWT, until taking medical retirement in 1979. In subsequent years, Arlo and Gwen moved several times, looking for the right climate and conditions, and in the process making friends in communities such as Kelowna, Peachland, Chilliwack, Yuma, AZ, Airdrie, Rimbey, Didsbury and Abbotsford. Arlo enjoyed life. In his youth he was an active athlete and vigorous competitor, and throughout his life he met new challenges with energy and imagination. He is particularly remembered for his shrewd, lively (if sometimes oddball) sense of humour, which he maintained and practised to the end, and for his love for Gwen. Memorials are being held at 2211 Clearbrook Rd, Abbotsford, on March 7 at 3:00 p.m. and at the United Church, Airdrie, AB on March 9th. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the British Columbia Lung Association, 2675 Oak Street, Vancouver, BC V6H 2K2. Personal Alternative Funeral Services 604-857-5779

## MEMORIAM

ALLEN JAMES (JIM) HOWARD A tribute of love and remembrance for our loving husband, father, and grandfather who left us March 19, 1994

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Responsibilities for this position will include ordering supplies, operating the store, the marketing and sale of products, meat cutting, and monitoring student participation in the store.

The successful candidate will have a comprehensive knowledge of and experience in the meat processing industry. Excellent customer service, communication, interpersonal and organizational skills are required. Preference will be given to candidates who have a post secondary education in Meat Processing and previous retail experience.

Interested applicants are invited to submit a resume quoting competition # 00030A by March 22, 2000 to: Human Resources 4500 - 50 Street, Olds, AB T4H 1R6 Fax: (403) 556-4794 [employop@admin.oldscollege.ab.ca](mailto:employop@admin.oldscollege.ab.ca) [www.oldscollege.ab.ca/employop](http://www.oldscollege.ab.ca/employop)



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# District 2 Mixed Playdowns

by Marge St. Clair

The District 2 Mixed Playdowns hosted by the Didsbury Curling Club the weekend of Feb. 25-27 were most successful in all aspects; great curling, spectators and camaraderie. Teams entered from Lethbridge (2), Calgary, Westwinds, Olds, Airdrie & Sundre and after the

final draw on Sunday afternoon, the winners were:

**A Qualifier** - from Lethbridge - Trevor Armstrong, Tara Halpin, Steven Andrews and Stacey Evernden

**B Qualifier** - from Westwinds in Calgary -

Steven Slupski, Kelly Schuman, Neil Hart and Tanis Lowe

**C Qualifier** - from Sundre - Brad Bouchard, Shawna Kelly, Kevin Vernard and Mona Vennard. These teams will now participate in the Southern Playdowns at the Westwinds in Calgary March 23-26/00.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CREMONA

#### Roast Beef Dinner

Cremona Congregational Church is hosting a Roast Beef Dinner at the church hall on March 17 from 4-7 p.m. Adults \$8, Children 10 and under \$4. The Women's Auxiliary will have a Bake Sale at the same time. Proceeds go to Missions. Everyone welcome.

### CARSTAIRS

#### Music Concert

A Country Gospel Music Concert will be held March 19 at 7 p.m. at the Carstairs Church of God. Everyone welcome. Coffee Fellowship to follow.

### DIDSBURY

#### Gospel Services

Gospel services will be held Sundays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Mountain View Community Hall. Everyone welcome. Info at 335-4423.

#### Easter Ham Dinner

The Redeemer Lutheran Church will hold their annual Easter Ham Dinner on March 26 from 3-6 p.m. Adults, \$8.50, 6-12 years, \$5, 5 and under free. Everyone welcome.

#### Card Party

Saint Hilda #27 Order of the Eastern Star Military Whist Card Party. March 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall. For tickets contact Brigit Due 335-3680 or Marg Allison 335-8339.

### DIDSBURY

#### School Council

The DHS Council will be presenting guest speaker Patti Henley (Alberta Tech Prep) on March 20 at 7:30 p.m. at DHS Library. Free admission. Everyone welcome.

#### Public Auction

The Didsbury Lions annual Public Auction, new and used merchandise, will be at noon on March 18 in the Multi-Purpose Room. Doors open at 11 a.m. For donations and pick-up call 335-9477.

#### Ham Dinner

Annual Rosebud Ham Dinner fundraiser. March 19 from 12-3 p.m. Family, \$15; Adults \$7, 16 and under, \$3.50; Preschool free.

## ONGOING EVENTS

### CARSTAIRS

#### RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

#### CARSTAIRS T.O.P.S.

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly) welcomes new members. Meetings 7 p.m. Monday evenings at Carstairs Church of God. For info call Jean 637-3753, Darlene 946-4369 or Natalie 337-2351.

### DIDSBURY

#### DIDSBURY MUSEUM

Everyone is welcome. We have lots to see, take a look back in history. Donations are always welcome. Admission is \$2/adults and children and members free. The Museum is open on Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 2-5 p.m. weekly and 2-4 p.m. on Saturdays during July and Aug. We're located at 2118 - 21st Ave. For more info. call 335-9295 during office hours.

#### RECYCLING DEPOT

Didsbury Lions Recycle Centre open Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Accepting newspaper, office papers, magazines, junk mail, plastic milk jugs (please clean). Phone 335-8193. Use outside bins.

#### CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

#### LIONS

Lions Handi Bus in town service Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Wheelchair accessible Call Lloyd Kenyon at 335-2363.

#### PLAYGROUP

A non-profit, parent run, social and educational program for children 3-5 years is now accepting on-going registrations. Drop-off rates available. Call 335-8039 or 335-8818.

#### INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month. Phone 335-8864 or 335-2331 for information and meeting location.

#### BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

#### OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

Just Done For Fun out of school care program runs each school day at Ross Ford. For more information call 335-8168.

#### AL-ANON

Al-Anon meetings for families of alcoholics held every Friday. For more info call 335-3146 or 335-9787.

#### BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

### DIDSBURY

#### SUPPORT GROUP

ADD/ADHD Support Group. For parents and families dealing with attention deficit disorder. For more info call Sheree 335-8612.

#### GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. in education room (lower level) at Didsbury Hospital.

### LONE PINE

#### T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Friday at 9 a.m. at Lone Pine Hall. For information call Doreen at 335-4514.

### OLDS

#### MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

#### PUBLIC SPEAKING

Join the Mountain View Presenters (MVP) Toastmasters Club in Olds. Meetings every Tuesday at Olds College, Room 108, at 7 p.m. starting September 9. For further info, call Judy Dahl at 556-7119 or Malissa at 556-8520.

#### SUPPORT GROUP

Fibromyalgia Support Group 4th Thursday of every month. For time and place, contact Mel Terpestra 335-3527 for info.

#### A.D.D. SUPPORT

Learning Disabilities Association. Support, information, workshops, seminars, resource materials, films and tapes. Meets last Tuesday of each month. 7 p.m. in Room 116 at Deer Meadows School in Olds. Contact Sam at 556-7614 eves. or Susan 335-3174

### SUNDRE

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Wednesdays, 8-9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

#### ALA TEEN

Aia Teen, Sundre United Church Basement, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. More info 638-3277.

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